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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Spanish Minister, who was recently thrown from his carriage, continues daily to improve, and it is thought that he will soon be able to resume the duties of his office.

The Reciprocity Treaty in the British Provinces.

HALIFAX, Friday, Dec. 15.

The Governor of Nova Scotia has, in accordance with the recent act of the Legislature, issued a proclamation repealing the duties now paid by American shipmasters on the various articles which properly come under the provisions of the Reciprocity Treaty.

The St. John (N. B.) papers of the 12th inst. say that the schooner *Arrow*, from Digby, N. S., for St. John, had been lost at sea, and it was feared that all the hands on board, and a number of the passengers, had perished.

They also state that considerable irritation was being felt throughout the British Provinces, in consequence of the delay in carrying out the provisions of the Reciprocity Treaty.

The Canadian Legislature—Land Rights, &c.

QUEBEC, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The Government recovered their sectional majority last night in the House of Parliament, and carried the amended feudal tenure abolition bill by a majority of twenty-one.

This evening, in both Houses, a voluntary address to Lord ELGIN was passed, who will assent to the Clergy Reserves Secularization, Feudal Tenure Abolition, and other bills, when Parliament will adjourn till February next.

The Canadian Ministry in Trouble.

QUEBEC, Friday, Dec. 15.

In the Canadian Assembly, at 3 o'clock this morning, the Ministry suffered a sectional defeat, being left in a minority, of six, among the representatives from Lower Canada, on the Legislative Council's amendment to the bill abolishing feudal tenure. They hold, however, a majority of six in the whole House. A resignation is thought possible.

Business Failures—Seizure for Smuggling—Savings Banks Panic—Fire—Death of Dr. Samuel Parkman.

BOSTON, Friday, Dec. 15.

The failure of Messrs. COTTON, BROADHEAD & CLAPP, extensive stock and exchange brokers of this city, doing business in State-street, was announced to-day. Their liabilities are not supposed to be very large.

The Custom-House authorities of this city seized last night about twelve hundred dollars worth of cigars, smuggled into port by a bark from Havana.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The failure of the Glendon Iron Mill Company was announced here to-day, and it was soon afterwards ascertained that on Monday last the Superintendent, Mr. BERRYMAN, who is well known in the cities of New-York and Philadelphia, had left the parts unknown. On the Wednesday following the company had received a letter from him, in which he stated that he was a defaulter, and added that it was useless to pursue him, as he would not be taken alive. The defalcation is estimated at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

There has been a severe run upon the "Provident Institution for Savings" in this city to-day, and in all about one hundred thousand dollars were withdrawn from it, principally by the Irish and German depositors. The Bank, however, is perfectly solvent. There was a run, also, upon another Bank, principally by small bill holders, owing to the circulation of false rumors of trouble in its financial affairs.

The depôt of the Boston and Maine Railroad at Lawrence was destroyed by fire last evening. The loss on the building is $5,000—no freight not yet ascertained. The depôt also contained a large amount of inward freight, including a considerable quantity of flour, but the loss will not fall upon the Company.

Dr. SAMUEL PARKMAN, an eminent surgeon, died in this city this morning.

Failure of an Insurance Company.

COLUMBUS, Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Columbia Insurance Company, of this city, was compelled, by pressing of current heavy losses, to suspend payments yesterday.

Know-Nothing Candidate for Governor in Virginia.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The *American Organ*, the new Know-Nothing paper at Washington, says the Know-Nothings of Virginia will make an independent nomination for Governor in that State.

We have no mail this evening south of Richmond.

Opinion of Judge Doan on Naturalization.

PORTSMOUTH, Saturday, Dec. 16.

Judge DOAN, of the Supreme Court in this place, has forbidden his clerk to take proofs of citizenship and grant naturalization papers, and has directed that all those who wish to become citizens hereafter, must apply to the Court. After hearing the proofs from numbers of applicants to-day, he rejected nearly all of them. He has given a written opinion, holding that admitting an alien to the rights of citizenship is a judicial act, and requires an examination by the Court in each case.

The Southern Mail—Later from Texas—Gov. Pease and the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Dec. 16.

By the arrival of the Southern Mail as late as due, we have received New-Orleans papers of Sunday, containing dates from Galveston, Texas, to the 7th inst.

Governor PEASE had issued a proclamation again, offering the contract to construct the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad to responsible bidders.

In his proclamation, he states the contract entered into between himself and Messrs. WALKER and KING, and others, for the construction of the road, had become null and void by the failure of the contractors to make the necessary deposit of $300,000 in gold, silver, or evidences of the debt of the State of Texas, or other good per stocks. He also recites the authority given him as Governor in case such a contract should be made with any other company or individuals, for the construction of the said road, and gives notice that proposals for this purpose, in accordance with the act of the Legislature, will be received at the office of the Secretary of State, until the 1st of May next.

Explosion of a Locomotive and Loss of Life.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 16.

Yesterday afternoon the Engine "Wisconsin," while drawing a coal train on the Reading Railroad, exploded near Manayunk tunnel, instantly killing GEORGE LONG, Engineer, of Baltimore; JOHN LENON, foreman, and CHARLES MILLER, of Dauphin County; and seriously injuring a lad and a passenger, who resides near Reading, by whose name we could not ascertain. The engine which was one of ROSS, WINANS & Co.'s coal burners, is a complete wreck.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Dec. 17.

JAMES KEPPLE died yesterday morning from the injuries he received by the explosion of the locomotive on the Reading Railroad, near Manayunk Tunnel, on Friday last.

Two Men Killed.

ALBANY, Sunday, Dec. 17.

Two men were killed here on Friday by the caving in of an embankment on the esplanade under which they were working.

Collision on the Sound.

BOSTON, Sunday, Dec. 17.

On the passage of the steamer *Plymouth Rock* from New-York to Stonington, yesterday evening, the steamer came into collision with the schooner *Francis*, doing no serious damage, but causing considerable alarm for a few moments. Capt. STONE hailed the schooner after the vessels parted, and finding she required no assistance steamed ahead, and reached Stonington about 12 o'clock.

Fire at Troy.

TROY, Saturday, Dec. 16.

A fire occurred this morning in West Troy, destroying four frame buildings, occupied by HENRY COTA, clothier; J. FORTIER, boot and shoe dealer; JACOB COHEN, clothier; WM. ROUSE, barber; JAMES MORRISON, saloon; JAMES BRISLAND, boots and shoes; MEYERS & GUNSAULUS, clothiers. The buildings were situated on the Canal, near the corner of Union-street, and were owned by WM. SMITH and JOHN KNOWES, of Albany. A covered bridge across the Canal was also consumed. The total loss is $10,000, but is mostly covered by insurance.

Trial of Arrison the Torpedo Man.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1854.

The trial of ARRISON, the alleged murderer of the ALLISONS, at the hospital in this city, last Winter, is still in progress. The evidence is all in, and counsel commenced summing up to-day. The case will probably go to the jury on Monday. The trial excites much interest here.

The Blue Ridge Railroad—Rising of the Alabama River.

COLUMBIA, (S. C.,) Saturday, Dec. 16.

The House of Representatives of this State has passed a bill subscribing a million of dollars to the Blue Ridge Railroad, and guaranteeing a million more.

We learn from Mobile that the Alabama River is rising.

Weather Reports.

BOSTON, Sunday, Dec. 17.

The weather here has been cold and cloudy all day with a northeast wind. It commenced snowing at 7 o'clock this evening.

SPRINGFIELD, Sunday, Dec. 17.

A snow storm commenced here at 6 o'clock P. M.

ALBANY, Sunday, Dec. 17—8 P. M.

A snow storm which set in here early in the evening still continues.

PROVIDENCE, Sunday, Dec. 17.

It commenced snowing very heavily here to-day at 4½ o'clock this afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Dec. 17—9 P. M.

We were visited with a slight sprinkle of snow this afternoon, but it soon cleared off, the weather becoming quite clear. It is now fine starlight.

Arrival of the Marion at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The steamship *Marion*, from New-York, arrived at this port this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with all on board well.

TRIAL FOR DIVORCE.

Frances L. Childs vs. Solomon Childs—A Decree of Divorce Ordered.

This case came up on Saturday last before Judge ROOSEVELT, of the Supreme Court, for argument on the motion offered by the counsel for the defendant at the time the verdict was rendered for a stay of proceedings, in order to prepare a bill of exceptions on which to carry the case before the Supreme Court, General Term, in order to procure a new trial of the cause.

After hearing the argument the Court decided to refuse the application, and ordered that a decree of divorce between the parties be entered, on the ground that the defendant had been proven to be guilty of adultery. It was also ordered by the Court that a further decree for alimony be entered as soon as the Court shall fix the amount.

Democratic Fusion.

A Convention was held on the evening of the 16th, at the Chinese Assembly Rooms, under the auspices of the Young Men's Democratic Club, for the purpose of consolidating the Democratic Party. The Chair was taken by JOHN COCHRANE, Esq. Mr. S. P. CARE was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The Chairman called for the list of Delegates from the respective Wards, which were given.

All of the Wards except the Nineteenth Ward were found to be represented.

The Report of the Committee which was appointed to draft rules for the regulation of the Convention was recommitted to be reported on at the next meeting.

The rules of the General Committee of the City were, on motion, adopted for the regulation of the body.

It was moved by Captain RUNDERS that the Officers of the Convention consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. COCHRANE was elected President by a nearly unanimous vote.

The other officers were placed as follows:

Vice-Presidents.—S. O. GREEN, G. H. RUSS.
Corresponding Secretary.—T. A. GLOVER.
Recording Secretary.—T. A. GLOVER.
Treasurer.—CONRAD SWART.

The meeting came to the determination of calling a Public Meeting at Tammany Hall at an early day to explain the sentiments of the new organization to the Democracy.

A Committee of one was appointed from each Ward for the purpose.

On motion a Committee of three was appointed to procure a suitable room for the purpose of future meeting.

☞ The steamship *Alabama* arrived on Saturday, from Savannah.

THE WICKHAM TRAGEDY.

Execution of the Murderer, Nicholas Benerhan—Immense Excitement.

Our Special Reporter has returned from Riverhead, Long Island, with an accurate account of the execution of NICHOLAS BENERHAN, who perpetrated the atrocious murder of Mr. JAMES WICKHAM and his wife, on the night of the 26 of June last. The details of the horrible crime have been heretofore published at length in the New-York DAILY TIMES. Since the conviction and sentence of BENERHAN, Mr. EDWARDS, the keeper of the Riverhead Jail has had a hard task to perform in watching the convict, to prevent his escape or destroying himself. Of late, he became very troublesome, and seemed determined to break Jail at all hazards.

During the night preceding the day for execution, a rumor was circulated that a gang of Irish from the West intended to attack the old and delapidated Court House and Jail with a view of liberating the criminal. Meanwhile Justice SELAH B. STRONG, of the Supreme Court, instructed the Sheriff to deputize a strong body of men to watch and guard the prison. A close watch was accordingly kept from sunset till daylight, but nothing whatever occurred. At an early hour on the day for the execution, Father MCCARTHY, a Catholic priest, residing at Hempstead, L. I., came to the jail, and was, by request, allowed to remain in the cell with BENERHAN, until the time arrived to prepare him for his end. During the forenoon, BENERHAN seemed beyond all hope of repentance, and refrained from saying anything further than he had already disclosed, relative to the crime he had committed.

Sheriff PHILLIPS of the County of Suffolk appeared at the cell of the murderer at an early hour, and informed the condemned criminal that he was to meet his fate in a few hours. At precisely 12 o'clock the deputy officials went to the cell where the priest was offering spiritual consolation to the prisoner for the purpose of dressing him with the white shroud, cap, &c. They found him apparently in a state of seeming insensibility of their presence, and all he would audibly utter was "God have mercy on my soul."

At five minutes past 12 o'clock the culprit was marched to the gallows where the rope was fastened around his neck, while he was supported by the clergyman who stood on his left, reading the Catholic service while the offender was praying in a low tone of voice.

In accordance with the State law, the Sheriff was exceedingly particular in regard to the admission of persons to witness the execution, and, including the Doctors, Reporters and Special Deputies, there were not more than *thirty* men within sight of the gallows.

Several hundred people assembled in front of the Jail at an early hour of the morning, and so great was the pressure against the board fence, it was feared they would break it down.

On the arrival of the cars, the Suffolk Guard, under command of Capt. LYON, made their appearance, and soon formed a line to keep the crowd back. Order prevailed in and outside of the Jail during the scene.

THE EXECUTION.

The medical gentlemen selected by Sheriff PHILLIPS to attend the execution in their professional capacity, were Drs. BENJAMIN D. CARPENTER, of Cutchogue, and WM. S. FERGUSON, of Patchogue, Long Island.

At four minutes past 12 o'clock the culprit stood erect under the gallows, and as the Deputy adjusted the knot under his left ear, he glanced his eyes towards the iron weights hanging beside him attached to the ropes, and gave vent to his feelings by sighing heavily. He was partly resting on the shoulders of his spiritual adviser, with his lips quivering when the Sheriff approached, who read the death warrant. As he concluded the prisoner raised his eyes for an instant, and audibly replied by saying "Oh yes"—Lord have mercy on my soul!" The Sheriff then addressed the condemned man as follows:

"NICHOLAS BENERHAN, you having been tried and convicted of the crime of murdering Mr. JAMES WICKHAM, at Cutchogue, last Summer, it now becomes my painful duty to carry out the judgment of the Court just read to you. Therefore if you desire to make any statement or say anything in regard to the matter, you now have an opportunity to do so."

Meanwhile the wretched man had failed considerably in his bodily strength. His legs appeared much weakened. His whole frame visibly trembled.

At eight minutes past 12 o'clock, the doomed man grasped the hand of Father MCCARTHY, kissed it several times, and his last words were, "Oh, Lord, do have mercy on my soul, do! do! I feel sorry I transgressed the Fifth Commandment. Oh, Lord! Oh, Lord!"

The Fifth Commandment in the Catholic Bible reads thus: Thou shalt not kill.

At ten minutes after 12 o'clock the Priest signified to the Sheriff that "all was ready," and the officer of the law immediately severed the rope, with a heavy blow of the broad-axe, the weights fell to the ground, and the wretched man was suddenly elevated into the air. The jerk was not of sufficient force to dislocate his neck, consequently he struggled very hard, and his life was prolonged in great suffering.

At twelve minutes past 12 o'clock the examining physicians felt the pulse of the dying man. They counted sixty pulsations to the minute. There was but little motion of the body. A minute subsequently the body exhibited considerable spasmodic action of the muscles with the pulse at "84."

Fourteen and a half minutes past twelve o'clock.—The doctors here ascertained that the pulse had become reduced to "64"—the spasmodic action of the muscles being still visible. In another minute the body was hanging with the pulse scarcely perceptible.

At twenty-two minutes past 12 o'clock the body had been suspended for twelve minutes. The medical gentlemen then made their final examination, and finding all pulsation had ceased, he was pronounced to be dead.

Physicians are of the opinion, in regard to the courage of BENERHAN, that if he had been permitted to stand three minutes longer under the gallows, with the rope around his neck, he would have fallen to the ground a corpse, as his great fright would have produced death.

PROPOSITION TO ADMIT THE MULTITUDE.

Shortly after the prisoner's death was announced, a proposition was made to the Sheriff by some person outside that, "as the man was dead it would be a source of gratification to the multitude in the street, to permit them to enter the jail-yard and see the body while hanging on the gallows." Sheriff PHILLIPS entertained the singular proposal, and after a brief consultation with ex-Sheriff CLARK, it was decided to tear down the street barricade and allow the populace to gaze upon the body. The Sheriff having made known his intention and as he was about proceeding to the Court room, on the second floor, to announce his decision, Dr. CARPENTER and other gentlemen called him back. The high officer of old Suffolk was somewhat taken by surprise when he found himself surrounded by his Deputies and others, all of whom were strenuously urging him to forthwith abandon an idea so reckless in its character. After a brief interview with his friends, the Sheriff concluded he had made a serious mistake, and he at once declined taking any further action.

THE BURIAL.

After the body had hung forty minutes it was cut down, placed in a common pine coffin and was conveyed for interment to the middle of a Pine woods belonging to Mr. VINLIN, about a mile distant from the village.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF BENERHAN.

NICHOLAS BENERHAN was a native of Ireland; at first sight he presented a boyish appearance, but upon close examination his countenance seemed to change materially. He was five feet and eleven inches in height, and was near twenty-one years old. His eyes were of a brown color.

[Our reporter desires to express his thanks to Mr. JOHN CORWIN, Dr. HOWELL, Dr. CARPENTER, JOHN MARTIN, and other gentlemen at Riverhead, for courtesies extended toward him during the performance of his duty in reporting the particulars of this painful spectacle.]

FROM HAVANA.

Arrival of the State Prisoners at Havana.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1854.

On the 8th inst. the steamer *Francisco de Asis* brought to Havana the State prisoners from St. Jago de Cuba—J. H. FELIX, Esq., of New-York; Mr. LACORT, (not real name I presume,) native of Cuba, naturalized in the United States; Capt. MCCULLOCH, and the mate of the American schooner *John G. White*. The two first were landed under a guard of soldiers, and marched through the streets, arms tied back and both locked together, to the Tacon Prison the afternoon of the 9th, being saluted on their way by the street vulgarity, as candidates for stone breaking. Mr. FELIX is an invalid; both are in cells, and not permitted communication. Col. ROBERTSON, acting American Consul, was permitted to see Mr. FELIX, to satisfy his mind as to his health, but not to speak with him. The captain and mate were placed on board the Spanish frigate *Perla*, where they will remain until their interest in the cause is determined. Gen. MARANO represents the case very strongly against Mr. FELIX and Mr. LACORT, implicating the first, more than his friends here supposed possible, from reliable information received from Barnaco and St. Jago de Cuba. But if the honorable General has determined their fate, for the adjustment of another decoration to his person, it is fixed past help, for he has had much experience in all sorts of criminal pursuits—in a military way.

The seamen of the schooner *John G. White* have been turned over to the United States Consul, by the Captain-General, and he has expressed, I am informed, much sympathy for Mr. FELIX, but I think he has intimated that he will be tried by the "Military Council-alon," under the same rules as governed in the case of Mr. THRASHER.

A vessel of war of the United States is very much needed in or near the bay of Jamaica. I have accidently learned, where United States policy is not esteemed or respected by French and British agents. We wish Mr. Doustieks and his two brown friends would Winter somewhere in the District of Columbia.

We have not the pleasure of receiving any of your papers by the steamers. There has been some talk for a few days, in relation to our Eastern affairs, but it amounts to nothing. I hand you commercial statements.

Havana Markets.

HAVANA, Monday, Dec. 11.

Since 27th ult., date of our last Report, our Sugar market has hardly undergone any change. Sales have been limited, to small lots at former prices. The following sales have been made for future delivery: 20,500 boxes at 9¼@ ℔ box, 4,000 at 9½; 7,000 boxes at 6½, and 8,000 boxes (here-to-come, via Cienfuegos) at 8 and 5½ rls., Browns at 5½ rls.; Yellows at 6½; and Whites at 6½ rls. ℔ box. Supplies of new crop are arriving slowly, without having, as yet been offered for sale. The stock in the city and in the Regla Warehouses is estimated to be now about 65,000 boxes, 60,000 boxes in 1853, and 30,000 in 1852, same periods. Our quotations remain unchanged, as follows: Whites, 7½ to 9½ rls.; Floreta yellows, scarce, 7½ to 7½; good to prime do., 6½ to 7; Browns, 5½ to 6; Cucurucho, 4½ to 5½.

COFFEE—Is neglected; transactions limited to small lots taken for consumption. Good seconds are worth 9½@10½.

CIGARS—Of good brands continue to be in demand at former prices. Exported: 6,902 Mille to the United States, 5,140 France, 1,059 Great Britain, 710 Valparaiso, and 615 to other ports; in all 14,616 Mille.

TOBACCO—Has been more animated. Exported: 144,000 lbs. to the United States, 60 Spain, 30,000 Valparaiso, and 10,000 France; in all 234,060 lbs.

EXCHANGES—The operations have been moderate and, after some fluctuations, rates closed as follows: London, 13½@14 ℔ cent. premium; Paris, 10½ ℔ cent. premium; New-York and Boston, 2 ℔ cent. premium; New-Orleans 4 ℔ cent. premium, short sight; 45,000 Mexican Dollars on board of the British steamer *Teviot* arrived from Vera Cruz and Tampico day before yesterday brought 7½ ℔ cent. premium.

LUMBER AND COOPERAGE STOCK.—PITCH PINE—7 cargoes have arrived during the past fortnight, they have been placed as follows: 95,000 feet Jacksonville at $26; 1,600 feet; 100,000 feet at $26; 100,000 feet do. at $28; 67,000 feet Pensacola at $26; 120,000 feet Wilmington at $31½; 150,000 feet all Plank, Pensacola, contracted for at $32; and one cargo Mobile on contract, terms not made public. WHITE PINE BOARDS—The cargo mentioned in our last report, has been sold at $29 ℔ 1,000 feet; only two other cargoes have arrived, one sold at $28, the quality is very good, but exceedingly short. SUGAR BOX SHOOKS—10,000 only have arrived during the past fortnight; the demand has not been active; 2,200 have retailed at 12 rls.; 600 at 11½; and 2,600 at 11. MOLASSES AND SUGAR HDS. SHOOKS—None have arrived; they are in great request. HOOPS—The supply is fair, about 7,000 mixed long and short Rhode Island sold at $57 ℔ 1,000. MOLASSES HDS.—Are very scarce; 103 sold at $4, and 118 at $4½.

FREIGHTS—The same dullness mentioned in our last issue has prevailed during the past fortnight. The following are the only charters which have come to our knowledge, one Spanish Brig, 1,200 boxes, Falmouth, and a market at £2 2s. 6d.; one of 1,200, Seville, at 9 reals ℔ bale for Tobacco; one of 1,600, Alicante, same rate; one of 800, Bordeaux and back, for $3,250; one American bark, 2,000 boxes, Cardenas and Cork, and a market at £3 10s. ℔ ton for Molasses; one of 2,300 boxes, Havana, Matanzas, and New-York, 50c. ℔ box at Havana, and 75c. at Matanzas; one schooner, 179 tons, to load Logwood at Tabasco for New-York, at $9 ℔ ton.

ADOY, SPALDING & CO.

Arrival of the Cahawba.

The United States Mail steamship *Cahawba*, R. W. SHUFELDT, Commander, from New-Orleans the 19th and Havana the 12th inst., arrived here on Sunday morning, Dec. 17.

From Havana we learn that, on the 10th inst., Captain MCCULLOCH, his mate, and four men belonging to the American schooner *J. G. White*, arrived at that port in the Spanish steamer *Francisco de Aris*, having also the schooner in tow. This is the vessel captured some time since at Baracoa by the Spanish authorities, with arms and munitions of war on board. Capt. MCCULLOCH and his crew, together with two persons named FELIX and LACOPE (also implicated in the affair,) were immediately, on their arrival in the harbor, consigned to prison to await a trial.

The weather in Havana was very warm, and the health of the city excellent.

The *Cahawba* experienced very heavy weather during the entire passage.

The Albany.

The *Cahawba*, from Havana, brings the same report of the *Albany* at Carthagena (New-Granada,) on the 16th of October which we have already published, with nothing additional, however, to make it seem probable. We have given our reasons for doubting the accuracy of the rumor which was brought to Havana by the British brig *L'Espiegle*.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Rossini's ever popular "Barbiere di Siviglia" will be performed to-night by the incomparable GRISI and MARIO, [illegible] the last time. We believe this announcement to mean exactly what it states, and further, that after their departure we shall have no opportunity of hearing these world-famed artists. With such a certainty before our New-York audiences, it will argue badly for their taste and judgment if they do not fill this handsome theatre nightly. The fashionable world begins to will bring many strangers to the City. An experience worth hoping will be lost if they do not go to the Academy of Music prior to GRISI and MARIO's departure. We are informed on good authority that Signor MARIO will certainly sing to-night.

THEODORE EISFELD'S CLASSICAL QUARTETTE CONCERTS.—The second of these thoroughly enjoyable entertainments will take place to-morrow evening at Dodworth's Academy, No. 806 Broadway. We hope [illegible] (and there probably is) a good audience. In musical importance it overshadows everything else on the same evening.

Miss TERESA EGNEDE, whose readings of Irish Poems have been so popular, visited the Fourth Ward School on Friday evening, upon the invitation of Miss LYNCH, the Principal, and delighted the pupils and others with some of her readings.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—The "PYNE and HARRISON" troupe commence to-night a short season of opera, opening with an English version of "Fra Diavolo." The management has some purely English operas in rehearsal, which will be produced in rapid succession. We hope an Italian and French opera should be left until the English repertoire is exhausted. Every one will be glad to welcome back delightful LOUISA PYNE.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—Mr. BURTON has consciencitiously tendered to Mr. MORRIS BARNETT, the author of the "Serious Family," &c., a complimentary benefit. We subjoin the correspondence on the subject:

To Morris Barnett, Esq., Astor House:

MY DEAR SIR: You are the author of the "Serious Family," a comedy, which has been played at my theatre with much popularity and profit. Will you allow me an opportunity of rendering you some little justice in the shape of a free benefit on any evening next week that you may select? I am, my dear Sir, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM E. BURTON.

CHAMBERS-STREET, Dec. 12, 1854.

ANSWER.

To W. E. Burton, Esq., Chambers Street:

MY DEAR SIR: With much pleasure I accept your unsolicited and kind proposal, and will have it next next Monday, Dec. 18, for the benefit thus liberally offered. I should like to have the comedy of the "Serious Family" produced on this complimentary occasion, and if agreeable, I will perform in the afterpiece "Monsieur Jacques," in my own piece of that name, making my first appearance on any stage in America since my departure from New-York in the year 1837.

I am, my dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,
MORRIS BARNETT.

ASTOR HOUSE, Dec. 16, 1854.

The entertainment comes off consequently to-night, and we trust, for the sake of an author whose works have amused thousands of our citizens, there will be a good attendance. Mr. MORRIS BARNETT appears in his own piece of "Monsieur Jacques." The "Serious Family" and "A Blighted Being" will also be performed. An excellent bill.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM.—In the afternoon, "Quite at Home" and "Lend me Five Shillings." In the evening the tragedy of "Virginius," with Mr. J. E. SCOTT.

WOOD'S VARIETIES, No. 472 Broadway.—In addition to the ordinary Ethiopian entertainments here, a new comic pantomime will be produced to-night called the "Gold Digger," in which Signor FELIX CARLO and his talented children will perform.

CHRISTY & WOOD'S MINSTRELS, No. 444 Broadway.—Ethiopian minstrelsy of the best kind and the choicest burlesques of "Rent Day" to-night.

BUCKLEY'S BURLESQUE OPERA.—The opera, as burlesqued by the BUCKLEYS, continues to draw full houses. FLANCHE'S excellent musical extravaganza of "Beauty and the Beast" has been the prominent feature of their bills during the past fortnight. The text has not been modified, and the only change in the piece is in the substitution of black faces for white. Miss ELEANOR continues to improve in execution, and her execution elicits much applause. The other members of the troupe perform their parts creditably.

PERHAM'S, No. 663 BROADWAY.—The new operatic extravaganza of "Don Giovanni, or the Spectre on Horseback," will be produced here to-night, with other entertainments.

Lectures.

Mr. DONALD MCLEOD, author of *Pyneburst*, *The Bloodstone*, *Life of Sir Walter Scott*, &c., will deliver a lecture on Friday next, the 22d inst., at the Mercantile Library, Astor-place. The subject is one of unusual moment: "The World's Debt to men of Letters." Himself an earnest laborer in the never-too-much-cultivated fields of literature, an accomplished scholar, author and orator, we anticipate from Mr. MCLEOD's lecture more than an evening's rational and thorough enjoyment—something that we may take away with us and ruminate thoughtfully. We hope there will be a crowded attendance.

Items.

Miss MAKEAH has just finished a series of highly successful engagements in the populous Western cities of New-York State. Her performances have been warmly eulogized by the principal papers of Rochester, Syracuse, &c. On Monday next this talented young actress commences an engagement at the Walnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia. Shortly after its termination she will appear at the Broadway Theatre of this City, where she is engaged.

Miss JULIA DEAN is playing at Charleston with her accustomed success. In the plays of the "Gamester," "Ingomar," and others of that stamp, she is ably supported by Mr. NAGLE—a young artist of whom the papers speak in the highest terms. He is the brother of Mr. NAGLE, the popular and polite Assistant Treasurer of the Broadway Theatre.

Mr. DAVENPORT, the American tragedian, is playing "Jack Cade" at St. Louis with great success. We learn from the Missouri Republican, that Judge COURAD, the author, recently gave Mr. DAVENPORT the right to play this piece, which we heretofore believed belonged exclusively to Mr. FORREST. It appears, however, that the latter artist only had that exclusive right for a certain period, long since expired, and are pleased to find that the succession has fallen into such worthy hands. He commences an engagement to-night at the Boston Theatre.

Madame ROSA DE VRIES, assisted by MARTIN LAZAR and Signors MORINI and PARGARILLI, is to give a concert in Cincinnati on the 22d instant.

PAUL JULIEN, the celebrated Violinist, has arrived in the City, and will remain a few days prior to continuing his farewell musical tour of the Union.

The Costa Mystery.

From the Sunday Courier.

Ever since the first ticket of the first of the GRISI and MARIO operas was bid off to that half mythical personage, whom LEWIS, the auctioneer, named Costa, there has been an increasing curiosity to know who and what the lavish lady was, and the appearance of the lady herself night after night in splendid costumes whenever MARIO appeared, and her costly style of living at the St. Nicholas, have only increased the heat of public excitement to know who and what she could be. It was at first generally imagined that she had been hired by HACKETT to excite a furore about MARIO, and the London papers all took that view of the mystery. But those who saw the lady herself, and had an opportunity of watching her movements, know that the manager could not afford to pay for such a costly and doubtful style of advertising. Her bouquets alone, which are of the largest and most costly kind, composed of the finest exotic flowers, would be almost enough to break the management. And then, too, every one must have seen that the admiring gaze which she bends upon the handsome tenor the moment he comes upon the stage, is no simulated passion. She looks as the calves of his legs as though she would devour them. Poor lady! Everybody but GRISI must pity her in their hearts. There she sits "solitary and alone" in her spacious box, dressed in the coolest of linen and brocades, perfectly indifferent to everything but MARIO. The ladies of the chorus look curiously at her, lorgnettes are levelled towards the place, where she sits from all parts of the house, and the bearded gentlemen of the orchestra look wonderingly up at her; but she heeds nobody, and, when [illegible]

NEW-YORK CITY.

City Mortality.

The following is the WEEKLY REPORT OF DEATHS in the City and County of New-York, from the 9th day of December to the 16th day of December 1854. Men, 77; women, 78; boys, 57; girls, 46. Total, 258.

Abscess		Cancer, [illegible]		Inflammation of [illegible]	
Abscess, lungs	1	Cancer of stomach		Inflammation of [illegible]	
Abscess, in the [illegible]	1	Debility, adult	1	Intemperance	1
Ankylosis, dis. of [illegible]	1	Debility, senile	1	Jaundice	1
Apoplexy	2	Delirium tremens	1	Lung fever	1
Asthma	1	Destitution	1	Marasmus	1
Atrophia	1	Dentition	1	Old age	1
Angina	1	Dropsy	1	Palsy	1
Apoplexy, disease of brain	1	Dropsy, in chest	1	Pleurisy	1
Bronchitis, disease of lungs	1	Dropsy, in the cavity	1	Pneumonia	1
Kidneys	1	Dysentery	2	Premature birth	1
Bladder, disease of	1	Dyspepsia, or dis. of the gut	1	Prematurely born	1
Womb	1	Epilepsy	1	Prolapsus, of the [illegible]	1
Apoplexy, from the head	1	Erysipelas, of the face	1	Rickets	1
Burned or scalded	2	Erysipelas, of the [illegible]	1	Scarlet fever	1
Burned to death	1	Fever, [illegible]	1	Scrofula	1
Cancer, of breast	1	Fever, typhoid	1	Stillborn	1
Cancer, of womb	1	Fever, typhus	1	Suicide, by hanging	1
Cancer, of pylorus of the stomach	1	Fever, puerperal	1	Suicide, by poison	1
Candle, of throat	1	Fever, scarlet	1	Suicide, by drowning	1
Carbuncle	1	Fever, typhus	1	Suicide, by [illegible]	1
Convulsion, by teething	1	Fever, typhoid	1	Suicide, by [illegible]	1
Cholera infantum	4	Gout, atonic	1	Unknown, of the [illegible]	1
Colic	1	Heart, disease of	1	Unknown, of the [illegible]	1
Consumption	41	Heart, dis. of valvular	1	Unknown, of the [illegible]	1
Consumption, adult	1	Hospital Gangrene	1	Unknown, of the [illegible]	1
Cancer, in the [illegible]	1	Inflam. of brain	4	Unknown, of the [illegible]	1
Croup	1	Inflam. of bowels	1	Water, in the head	1
Congestion of brain	1	Inflam. of lungs	21	Worms, of bowels	1
Congestion of lungs	3				

Total.					
Ages.	Males.	Ages.	Females.	Ages.	Males.
I.	7	IX.	1	XVII.	[illegible]
II.	4	X.	3	XVIII.	[illegible]
III.	4	XI.	3	XIX.	[illegible]
IV.	3	XII.	3	XX.	[illegible]
V.	11	XIII.	1	XXI.	[illegible]
VI.	7	XIV.	1	XXII.	[illegible]
VII.	12	XV.	1	XXIII.	[illegible]
VIII.	11	XVI.	1	XXIV.	[illegible]

Ages.—Under 1 year, 116; 1 to 5 years, 38; 5 to 10 years, 18; 10 to 20 years, 14; 20 to 30 years, 28; 30 to 40 years, 28; 40 to 50 years, 20; 50 to 60 years, 16; 60 to 70 years, 16; 70 to 80 years, 10; 80 to 90 years, 2; 90 to 100 years, [illegible]

Places of Nativity.—United States, 208; Ireland, 19; Scotland, 3; Wales, 1; Germany, 24; Switzerland, 1; France, 2; Austria, 1; Sweden, 1; Prussia, 1; Spain, 1; Portugal, 1; Canada, 1; Nova Scotia, 1; Prince Edward's Island, 1; Mexico, 1; Brazil, 1; Buenos Ayres, 1; Rio Janeiro, 1; Lower Canada, 1; Sandwich Islands, 1; Ward's Island, 1; City Hospital, 1; Bloomingdale Asylum, 1; Long Island, 1; Coloured Orphans' Asylum, 1; Unknown, 2.

THOS. ELIOT, Jr., Acting Commissioner.

CITY INSPECTOR'S OFFICE, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1854.

Fire.

A fire was discovered on Saturday evening, at 6 o'clock, in the third story of No. 505 Third-avenue, corner Thirty-sixth-street. Engines Nos. 37 and 48 were quickly on the ground, but before the fire could be extinguished the contents of the two front rooms, comprising household furniture, wearing apparel, &c., was entirely consumed. The building in which the fire occurred, was rented by JOSEPH SCHAFFER, who occupied the first floor as a grocery store, the upper stories being let out to different occupants. The third story, where the fire originated, was occupied by PHILLIP KEYSER, carpenter. At the time the fire broke out however, KEYSER and his family were absent, having left only a short time previous to the fire. KEYSER was insured for $400. The Fire Marshal, who was present shortly after the fire, will to-day institute an examination into the facts of the case

NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS.

[illegible] PSYCHOLOGY AND EXCITING [illegible] By [illegible] M.D. New-York: Fowler & [illegible]. 12mo. pp. [illegible]

This is a popular book, adapted to meet the demands of learners, who are entitled to the most [illegible] information, and the benefit of the latest [illegible]. In its improved form, with nearly [illegible] more and beautifully printed illustrations, it is a text book for schools where the elements of Anatomy and Physiology are pursued. The more and less important portions of the text are given in different [illegible], and questions at the foot of each page [illegible] and pupils in looking directly for the [illegible] paragraphs. If the previous editions have found so work well in the schools, this improved edition will work better. Some of the illustrations, very much enlarged, have been inserted in return, and will give an learners a very good idea of the parts represented.

These staid and worthy Publishers in Philadelphia, SAMUEL S. and WILLIAM WOOD, publishers, present neatly up, a couple of thin octavo volumes, from the pen of Dr. PLINY EARLE, late of Bloomingdale Asylum. The first, of near 600 pages, treats of the Institutions for the insane in France, Austria and Germany. The introduction details the history of Insane Asylums, and of periodical and other literature upon the subject, arguing the comparative advantages of large and small establishments,—the propriety of allowing in an Asylum,—the question whether the Physician should also be the Superintendent,—the value of moral treatment,—the extent to which [illegible] is essential, and comparing the results of these foreign asylums with those of America. Then follows in minute detail a description of the peculiarities of each of the principal public and private establishments in the countries named. The book is full of hints that must be of exceeding interest to those who have the care of this class of unfortunates, and will subserve the interests of suffering humanity.

The other volume treats learnedly of blood-letting in mental disorders. The points discussed are embraced in the following propositions: To what extent, in regard to both frequency and quantity, is the abstraction of blood required, in the treatment of insanity? The doctor attempts to answer this question from the cases that have occurred in his own rich experience, from reasoning, and from the collated experience of the best writers who have written upon the subject, and whose opinions are entitled to consideration. The inferences deduced from all these are briefly to the following effect: That the existence of insanity in a person, contra indicates bleeding rather than indicates it. The condition of the brain in insanity is not that of active inflammation, but of a species of excitement, irritability, or irritation, which can in most cases be more readily subdued than by bleeding. The insanity may be consistent with such conditions of the blood-system as call for the abstraction of the blood, in which case topical is generally preferable to general bleeding. In cases of insanity, accompanied by typhus symptoms, direct depletion he holds to be almost certainly fatal. There is no doubt that these and his other inferences fairly represent the experience and the received views of the profession.

Bishop HOPKINS, of Vermont, is by no means satisfied that MILNER'S *End of Controversy* should be consigned *the end*. It seems that several years ago Archbishop KENRICK of Baltimore, sent out a pastoral address to the Episcopal Bishops, urging them to read MILNER'S "End," and hasten to transfer themselves to the Church of Rome, lest their fate should go before them. In his reply to the Roman Catholic Archbishop—he did not at that time deny his present confederate dignity—Bishop HOPKINS invited Bishop KENRICK to a public discussion of the controversy between their respective churches. This, Bishop KENRICK declined, proposing, instead, a discussion in the church papers. This the Episcopal Bishop declined, but promised to perform his part of the discussion in the form of books or pamphlets. In his "Lectures on the British Reformation," and in a volume on the "History of the Confessional," this promise has been partly redeemed. This *End of Controversy, Controverted* is a third instalment. Bishop HOPKINS is sharp, but always courteous, generous, kind, considerate, never severe or bitter, but never dull, aside from the point, or lacking in logic. Much valuable history is reproduced in the letters, and readers who have little interest in the theological discussion itself, will find them interesting and valuable. They are published by PUTNAM & RUSSELL, and by STANFORD & SWORDS, and make two handsome 12mo. volumes of 670 pages.

The *Western Home and Other Poems* is a volume from the pen of Mrs. SIGOURNEY. The longest one is that which gives a title to the volume. It tells a simple tale of one who takes to wife a daughter of New-England, and leads her to a new home in the wild fields through which the Ohio rolled in then unexplored waters. AARON BURR is introduced as a character, but he is not permitted to work the mischief in this western home, with which he dragged down the good name and fortunes of Blennerhassett. Most of these poems were never before published. Others of them have appeared in different periodicals. Mrs. SIGOURNEY'S well known characteristics are stamped upon them all. The sentences are never rough, the rhyme is seldom out of tune, and the rhythm is commendable. There is much beauty in some of the descriptions, and these like all that have before now proceeded from her pen will find their ardent admirers.

That most indefatigable of book-makers, and delighted of travelers, and delightful of story-tellers, BAYARD TAYLOR, has, through the publishing office of G. P. PUTNAM & Co., given to the public another book, the third since his last return from the East. This one is entitled *The Lands of the Saracen*. It contains the second portion of a series of travels, of which *The Journal to Central Africa* was the first part. Another is to follow, and we cannot but think it will be the most interesting of the three; to contain his adventures in India, China, the Loo Choo Islands, and Japan. This work includes his travels in Palestine, Syria, Asia Minor, Sicily and Spain. He dedicates it to WASHINGTON IRVING. Here is the last sentence of the dedication: "In Spain I came upon your track, and I should hesitate to exhibit my own gleanings where you have harvested, were it not for the belief that the rapid sketches I have given will but enhance, by contrast, the charm of your finished pictures." This is self-sacrifice that we did not expect from a man of the world.

The Power of the Pulpit, by Rev. GARDINER SPRING, D. D., is the Doctor's latest work, and, relating chiefly to the powers and duties of the Christian profession, it will be especially welcome to the Clergy. Dr. SPRING finds in the Pulpit a powerful lever wherewith to move the minds of men, and enlarge eloquently upon the importance of the office. His remarks are strongly tinctured with the old school doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, and the subjects of which the volume treats are handled in a pleasing style. The book is a good one; full of the results of a ripe experience and decidedly in Christian sentiment. The volume is published by DODD.

GEORGE GARRIGUES & BROTHERS, publish a volume of *Discourses on Truth*, which were preached to the ordinary auditors of his ministry, by Rev. JAMES H. THORNWELL, at Charleston, of the South Carolina College, of which the author is the President. The topics of the discourses are "The Biblical Symbol of the Bible," "The Love of Truth," "Sincerity," "Practicalness," "Truth," and "Consistency." They are thought and learned, written in good spirit, and will do good.

Legendary Or, Legends of the White Mountains and Merry-Meeting Bay, is the title of a volume of 400 pages, written by a lover and a loyal son of the Granite State, and published by B. B. MUSSEY & Co., of Boston. The object of the author is to show, to some extent, the injustice of the treatment of the aborigines, and to picture the methods of their revenge. The legends are interesting, and will be grateful to those who are acquainted with the localities.

From the press of HARPER & BROTHERS we have a neat volume of 352 12mo. pages from the pen of the great German W., of the *Journal of Commerce*, the author of *The Old House by the River*, *The Out Crush Letters*, whose alias is, we believe, Mr. WILLIAM PRIME. It is entitled *Inter Vivos*, being the experiences, of some who were formerly sheltered under that venerable roof, since the Old House by the River was closed, and JOB WILLIS and the big German W. exchanged it for the city. Their running into the country for Summer relief, their thoughts by the way, and many other pleasant things, all delightfully told, are here reproduced. Some chapters, as we understand it, have already appeared in the *Journal*. Others, now for the first time enjoy the dignity of type. They constitute a very readable volume of wholesome fancies and facts, told as a poet who disdains rhyme or is not used to its harness, is accustomed to tell them.

Among children's books, perhaps, the most enchanting of all, are the two additions to the *Franconia Stories*, from the pen of JACOB ABBOTT, published in handsome style, with tasteful wood cuts by HARPER & BROTHERS. "Agnes" and "Caroline," the names of these stories, have not been surpassed by any of the preceding numbers of the series, which is sufficient praise.

The Plum Woman, or The Child with Three Mothers, is the taking title of a French tale of High Life and Low Life, by GUSTAVE NIEMITZ, a German, from which it is translated by Mrs. H. C. CONANT, and published by SCRIBNER, No. 145 Nassau-street. It is a good story, illustrating the beauty of charity and its early rewards.

EVANS & DICKERSON publish a volume of four hundred pages, called, *Harry's Vacation; Or, Philosophy at Home*, in which WILLIAM C. RICHARDS, A. M., has admirably succeeded in bringing the more entertaining facts of philosophy before young readers in such an acceptable way that they must always hereafter have a charm for them.

Town and Country, or, Life at Home and Abroad, Without and Within, by JOHN S. ADAMS, is the title of a volume published at Boston, by J. BURNUM. It consists of tales and essays, in poetry and prose, some of which have before now been read and enjoyed by the readers of the periodical press.

G. P. PUTNAM & Co. publish a second volume of *Mr. Rutherford's Children*—one of the pretty stories found on *Ellen Montgomery's Book Shelf*, edited by the sisters who wrote *The Wide, Wide World* and *Dollars and Cents*. It is a delightful contribution to our juvenile literature.

CHARLES SCRIBNER gets out *Old Karl the Giant, and His Wonderful Rock*, written by ELBERT PESCH. It is a marvellous thing for charming the hours, which, while you are reading it, do not seem longer than the five minutes' do that comes immediately before dinner.

LIPPINCOTT, GRAMBO & Co., publish a volume of Poems from the pen of CHARLES LELAND PORTER, A. M., entitled *Pebbles from the Lake Shore*. Some of them give evidences of poetic power, but boiling,—condensing—rewriting, would improve them all.

The Sabbath School Union, whose office in New-York is at No. 147 Nassau street, publish a pretty story, illustrated by pretty woodcuts, and entitled "Laura's Impulses, or Principle a safer guide than Feeling."

The Tract Society publishes the first part of the *Bible Primer*. A very handsome little volume of a hundred and eighty pages, beautifully illustrated with engravings on wood, from subjects furnished by the Pentateuch.

APPLETON & Co. publish *Nothing Venture Nothing Have*, from the pen of Cousin ALICE. The pictures are certainly very pleasant, and, if we are to take the word of our little ones who have read it, it is excellent.

Literature for the People.

New-York, Monday, Dec. 4, 1854.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Feeling some interest in the cause of humanity, it is with no small degree of pleasure that I see you advocating the establishment of "Public Libraries." The utility of such institutions has been so well defined, both in your article of the 30th ult., and Mr. BAKER'S letter in your issue of the 2d inst., that I will not here attempt to further enlarge upon that point, believing that to any reflecting mind it is as plain as the sun in the heavens; but I wish to make a few suggestions, which may possibly assist in a further development of *the idea to a practical issue*.

To establish a single library of sufficient dimensions to be of any practical benefit to the whole mass, would consume an amount of capital requiring years to collect, for it cannot be expected that *the municipal authorities could ever be convinced* that the duty of furnishing the public with such an *institution belongs to them exclusively*; *individual* subscription would therefore be the only safe dependence; and that would be slow, from the fact of the Library having to be situated centrally, at so remote a distance from the homes of those whom it was designed to benefit. I feel confident that even a library in every Ward, will, in a few years, be found inadequate to the wants of the community, and "branching" will become as popular as it now is in all other institutions of a progressive character; yet, for the present, one library in each Ward is as much as the most sanguine reformer should dare hope for. To assist in attaining this desirable object, I beg leave to make the few following suggestions:

First—Let the "solid men" of each Ward call meetings for the purpose of discussing the merits of the question fully.

Second—Having become generally convinced that it is in the people's power to accomplish a great work for their own benefit, let each Ward appoint three or more Delegates to meet in convention at some central point, for the purpose of devising some general system, by which all may act in harmony.

Third—Let each Ward depend upon its own resources for success, and only use the general convention for the purpose above mentioned. This will beget a noble rivalry as to which shall produce the best and most efficient library.

Having proceeded thus far, who can doubt that all the difficulties of the enterprise are surmounted? The best mode of raising subscriptions could be better discussed in the general convention than here. I hope the above remarks and suggestions may have a tendency to "keep the ball rolling."

Yours truly, R. F. S.

Terrible Sickness but Slight Mortality.

We have urged the passage of a Prohibitory Law, and believe in it heartily. We must, however, confess that a deal of sickness is sometimes created by its enactment. The Town Agent reports that in the healthful little town of Bridgeport where the Great Anti-Maine-Law Barnum lives and drinks cold water, during the last three months there were 4,718 sales made of liquor. Mechanics bought it for their employers more; Dandies for their mercurial stomachs; Gentlemen for their wine and their guests; and the ailing people for their medicine and other beverages. Sixty-nine times! The Bridgeport population is equivalent to the New-Haven Regiment, 7,000 strong, of it drinks. The receipts for "brandy, rum and gin were $1,489 77 for the three months." The medicine must have done great service. Notwithstanding the great prevalence of sickness, there were very few deaths—the medicine must have done good. It is possible that some The language were made to musical thoughts.

American Ambassadors the Representatives of Civilization.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The question of an American Ambassador's dress, at foreign Courts, seems to be still one of interest to the foreign correspondents of our national press, judging from occasional allusions to it. And a recent development in Mexico indicates that it is regarded abroad as being far from a settled question even yet, whether our Ambassadors are to act the part of men or monkeys, on convivial occasions.

It appears to the writer, who is not ignorant of European life and nations, that the most dignified order on the subject, from our Government, would be this: That our Representatives abroad should not sanction, by *their* presence, company in which the presence of citizens, *as such*, is discountenanced. Such an order would be significant of the principles and tone of our Republic; and it would, be, in the view of courtiers, something more like preaching in earnest, than to sanction the company by personal presence, while protesting against its tone. It is but natural for people to amuse themselves as a symbolic protest against the tone of their society, on the part of one who consents to make one of themselves on the very occasions called in question.

The friends of a new state of things in Europe, in which *Monkeyous* traditions should be excluded, would, at the report of such an order, take courage and hope on; it would raise their countenances and cheer them; while monarchical courtiers would be disconcerted, and perhaps even feel the ground shake at this additional foreshadowing of a different social *régime*.

As regards the *social position* of our ambassadors under the circumstances of such an instruction, it would be unquestionably higher than when taking the false position of violating court etiquette. It would be morally higher, too, than when *following suit* at courts, while affecting to represent the people of JOHN ADAMS and BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. The families of the ambassadors, moreover, would not see less of desirable society than they now do; for all whose respect is worth anything to them would seek, none the less, their society, whether from compliment to themselves or to the great nation they represent. Those who could not find them at the parties in uniform would give parties expressly for them, and their position in such companies would of course be higher than in companies to which they are barely admitted to avoid giving offence.

If such a regulation, well observed by our ambassadors, should have the effect of discouraging the presence of Americans on such occasions, so much the better, for the affectations consequent on a frequentation of court society, are indications of a state of society which may be called gold, (as the French well express it).

There are indeed institutional occasions where a *professional* dress might be properly worn by a civil [illegible], as where it is by virtue of a *privilege accorded to him for an occasion on* which he might represent his profession abroad, and not through the imposition of a livery. For example, on some festive occasions in Rome, officers of the English army have been privileged to wear, in Church and elsewhere, full uniform as such. This was less for the purpose of adding to the appearance of *state*, (however, this may have had *something* to do with it,) than to assist those professional gentlemen in feeling themselves to be quite at home in the eternal city, particularly as the natives were too well accustomed to French and Austrian uniforms.

In the small matter of fancy balls, where discretion must be free, we think republicans will ever evince greater dignity, by rather avoiding investment with any affinities to court character. The supposition, (real or pretended, or ironical, on the part of the Spaniard and the Frenchman,) of such an aspiration in Madame SOULE, is itself suggestive of a better part. The lady alluded to could have represented the most eminent female character with as much grace as any one present. Still, if she had been merely the bearer of a flower-basket crowned with the *Grandiflora*, (real or imitated) an association with the possession of Florida, so delicately created, might then and there have thrown a *prestige* over our path of empire in the direction of the South, and breathed soft hints to diplomacy, as well as to the guitar.

The "Sewing Girl" Again.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

DEAR SIR: Without doubt there is sufficient cause for the apprehension so generally felt, that during the coming Winter months there will be much suffering among the industrious poor of our City in consequence of the scarcity of work; and as the poor "sewing girl" is likely to be one *of the greatest sufferers, we propose to suggest a* plan for her relief. Those of our citizens who *have spent any time in the rural districts of our* own or of the surrounding States, must have observed in the stores of the village, boxes of unmade clothing; and if they have visited the private dwellings of the farmers or mechanics, rich or poor, they have probably seen a bundle of shirts; or some other articles of clothing in process of manufacturing. Now this work comes from New-York, and amounts annually to a very large sum, probably from half a million to a million dollars. When times are good, and work is plenty, we are willing that this work shall be sent in the country, but at a time like this we would make an effort to retain it for the benefit of the poor "sewing girl" who must have work or starve, unless her bread is furnished by the contributions of benevolence. One shilling earned by honest labor will do her more good than two received in charity; therefore if possible give her work, work at a low price, instead of compelling her to receive alms and thereby sacrifice her independence and self-respect.

This work made in the country is mostly plain sewing, requiring but little skill, and can be done just as well in this City by that class of females who will require aid during the coming Winter.

In order to keep this work here we must offer an inducement to the manufacturer. We must offer as liberal terms as are offered by the country merchant. We must do it at the same price—do it as well, and give the same credit. The two first conditions are very simple. The last may seem altogether impracticable. We do not think so. Let there be a depository for giving out and receiving the work, with competent persons to superintend. Let the wind vintners of the association for the relief of the poor receive the applications for work and furnish a certificate to prevent fraud. Then let one man of capital furnish the funds to pay for the work as it is finished, and take the paper of the manufacturer at two, four, and six months, as they are giving it to the country merchant.

The whole expense would be but a trifle, and the risk of loss would be small. A committee could be chosen to decide on the character of the paper offered; and if there should some losses, they would be nothing in comparison with the good accomplished. A great many cash orders could probably be procured in addition to those on time.

The above is a general outline of a plan, which, if adopted, could be filled up and modified to suit any case, and abandoned when the emergency which produced it shall have passed away.

If any of our managed men have been unfortunate in their investments of late, let them take a few thousands of them at this crisis, which, though it does not promise large dividends, will yield them what money cannot buy, the blessings of the needy "ready to perish."

THE CLOTHING MERCHANT.

SCIENTIFIC LECTURE.

The Phenomena of Combustion and the Employment of Anthracite.

The second and concluding lecture by Professor TORREY, on the Phenomena of Combustion, was delivered on Thursday night, in Clinton Hall, before a very numerous and intelligent audience.

One of the substances, he said, which was almost invariably present in every process of combustion, is carbon. He described the various states in which this element presents itself, as the diamond, common charcoal, anthracite, the different varieties of coal, graphite, ivory black, lampblack, and a peculiar deposit which forms within the retorts in gas-houses, and which is almost pure carbon, called virgin plumbago. Charcoal, owing to its porosity and absorbing power, is not only a most effective disinfecting agent, but is used in immense quantities in certain manufactures for depriving substances of their vegetable coloring matter. This was illustrated by mixing a little port wine, the coloring principle of which, the Professor said, is most generally logwood, with some powdered charcoal in a tumbler, and then straining the mixture through filtering paper; the wine passed out perfectly clear. The amount of mineral coal in a country is the measure of its material greatness and prosperity, and it seemed a providential circumstance that the discovery of the uses of coal was reserved for an age in which it was most essential. In this country there were vast coal fields, the extent of which had been ascertained to within a few hundred tons, and which, calculating for a largely increased consumption, would last for hundred of years to come. A piece of carbon was consumed in a jar of oxygen, the two elements combining to form carbonic acid. Into this colorless gas a quantity of lime water, which is perfectly transparent also, was poured, and a white and thick liquid was the product, the carbonic acid uniting with the lime suspended in solution, and forming a thick precipitation of carbonate of lime. One-eighth of the crust of the whole earth is formed of this carbonate, of which colcareous spar is a type. White marble and limestone are other forms of it. Of these rocks carbon forms 44 per cent., and carbonic acid 12 per cent. of the whole. It had been a problem with some whether from these rocks chemists could not succeed in making coal by withdrawing the carbon. This was decided to be impracticable, owing to the strong affinity between the component bodies; the only case in which they can be decomposed is by the action of costly metals for which the carbonic acid has a greater affinity. There is, however, a chemical power in the sunlight which is capable of decomposing so fixed a body as carbonic acid. But even that principle can be effective only when it acts on the living cells. These cells contain carbonic acid; the light by its action decomposes the gas, and the oxygen is thrown off while the carbon is retained. This carbon goes to make up the body of the plant, and the gas from which it is derived is being continually drawn from the atmosphere by the leaves. Hence there must be a never failing supply of carbonic acid in the air. This is supplied by decaying animal and vegetable matter. The necessity of this supply of gas must have existed to a much greater degree in the early period, when that rank vegetation of whose existence our coal-beds are the evidence covered the earth. At that time, the proportion of carbonic acid in the air must have been so large as to be destructive to animal life, as it is now constituted. The process of combustion is going on in every one of us at present; a large quantity of the food we eat is composed of carbon, which by the action of the oxygen in the atmosphere we inhale is converted into carbonic acid, and combustion *is produced. In this way our food is literally* burned up and our breath in the smoke. That the air after we breathe it contains carbonic acid was proved by breathing through a tube inserted into lime water, which became turbid. *The tendency of* gases to diffuse themselves and intermingle, accounts for the uniformity of atmospheric quality, and explains the fact that in large lecture-rooms where there is a free ventilation the air seldom becomes unwholesome, no matter how large may be the number of persons assembled. The diffusive power of hydrogen was very beautifully exemplified by an experiment. A large bell-glass was filled with the gas and placed over a porous vessel of unbaked earthenware, communicating by means of a glass tube with a tumbler of colored liquid. The hydrogen penetrated the earthenware, expelled the air from the tube and the upper portion of the tumbler, and a vacuum being produced, the fluid rose and fell in the tube as in a thermometer, as the receiver was raised or lowered over it.

In every process of combustion there are two elementary bodies acting on each other, one a combustible and the other a supporter of combustion. *It is generally supposed* that bodies cannot be burned without oxygen or common air; that, however, is a mistake. Carbon burned in chlorine gas, and exploded with a heavy puff and the evolution of dense smoke. Chippings of copper and sulphur burned in a glass tube hermetically sealed, and produced a vivid glow. Combustion the lecturer defined to be the rapid combination of two or more bodies with the evolution of light and heat. The subject of flame was never well understood until investigated by Sir HUMPHREY DAVY. It is nothing more than gas or air heated so intensely as to be luminous. It requires an enormous temperature to heat gas so as to be seen; it may be ignited so intensely that metals will glow in it, but yet be invisible itself. The only way in which heated gas can be rendered visible is when it undergoes decomposition with some other gas for which it has an affinity; in this case it is seldom below 600°. *The hollowness of flame, owing* to the fact that the oxygen penetrates only the outer coating, was illustrated by numerous and highly interesting experiments. The hollow space in the centre of the flame being filled with minute particles of carbon produced in the course of decomposition, the intense heat causes these particles to glow; the flame is but the aggregate brilliancy of these particles. A solid flame, produced by a peculiarly constructed lamp, which gave out a faint light but an intense heat, was exhibited, and the nature of flame shown to be due to the glow of the particles of ignited carbon. By pouring some powdered chalk on burning hydrogen, the ignition of the powder increased the flame to a dazzling brilliancy. Several experiments with phosphorated hydrogen were shown, as preliminary to an explanation of the principles of Sir HUMPHREY DAVY'S safety lamp, the construction of which was explained lucidly, and by several very pleasing and striking illustrations. Atmospheric air was burned in ordinary coal gas (carbureted hydrogen) by means of a very ingeniously constructed apparatus. Oxygen was burned in a similar way; and a number of experiments were made with a small oxy-hydrogen blowpipe; silver, gold, antimony, and platina were completely consumed in it, and a piece of iron, after bubbling and boiling for a few seconds, burst out into brilliant scintillations. The vexed question as to the explosibility of saltpetre was taken up in conclusion, and satisfactorily demonstrated. The metal potassium is well known to have so strong an affinity for water that when thrown into it it takes fire. The resulting combination is a hydrate of potash. The combination of the metal with the water is accompanied by an explosion. Now, the alkali saltpetre is a combination of nitric acid with this metal, potassium. In the great fire in Broad-street in 1845, the saltpetre stored in the cellar of one of the stores was decomposed by the intense heat; the oxygen escaped and served to add strength to the flame, while the base potash was left behind. As soon as the vast volume of water cast upon the burning building came in contact with the potash, combustion took place, and the explosion followed. The lecturer sat down amid continued and enthusiastic plaudits.

☞ Lately, Mr. FREDERICK KNIGHT HUNT has died. He was the successor of DICKENS in editing the London *Daily News*. He was graduated as an M. D., but never practiced medicine. After having first conducted the *Medical Times*, he edited the *Pictorial Times*, during the career of that once formidable rival to the *Illustrated London News*. He next originated *Hunt's London Journal*, now known as the *London Journal*, having a weekly circulation of nearly half a million copies, and decidedly the most successful periodical in the world. It was shortly after attending from his journal that Mr. F. K. HUNT undertook the management of the London *Daily News*. Among various other successful works which Mr. F. K. HUNT contributed to the world of letters, may be cited his "History of the French Stage," a chronological and critical description of the origin, rise, and progress of British pantomime, from Rich down, contributions to the old series of the London *Daily News*.

Who Knew of the Discovery of America.

Mr. S. G. KOHL, the celebrated German traveler, again entertained the members of the Geographical Society, and others, on Thursday evening, at the University, with many lengthy remarks on the Discovery of America, explained and illustrated by a large collection of maps and charts, ancient and modern, which he has prepared himself, or transcribed from those in Europe received. The peculiar course of the currents, and their effect in retarding, and when properly understood, assisting the different navigators and explorers in their researches in and about this Continent, were very clearly explained. The maps, as showing the wonderful advancement made and being made in Geographical and Cosmographical Science, are very interesting, and their chronological elucidation and explanation amid the immense labor and research which Mr. KOHL has given to every subject bearing in the remotest manner on the Discovery of America, and, in fact, on everything relating to cosmography in general.

At the conclusion of the learned traveller's remarks, a vote of thanks of the Society was unanimously passed to him, and Dr. HAWKS, who occupied the Chair, thanked Mr. KOHL in behalf of the Society, and said that it was peculiarly pleasing to Americans to reflect that one not a native had devoted so much labor to the history of the discovery of their continent; he hoped the fact would serve to stimulate further discoveries in this interesting field of research.

Mr. KOHL modestly replied that his efforts were by no means complete—he had made but a beginning, but hoped he would be enabled to pursue the interesting study at greater length.

A Chapter on Polygamy—Sermon Experience by a Sermon—Extract of a Letter to the Chicago Tribune.

When I came to Deseret, there were not many who were in the enjoyment of more than one wife, and many or most of the new comers were opposed to it. But as they saw how beautifully and harmoniously those families lived where there were two or more wives, their prejudices gradually gave way, and among no classes was this change more apparent than the women. At the present time if a vote were taken upon the subject, I venture to say that nine out of every ten women who have lived here two years, would sustain our present social system in this particular. They are more for it than the men, for upon many of the latter it entails heavy burdens—though the truth is, our wives in Deseret make no pretensions to being fine ladies, their highest ambition being to help their husbands, and their poor brothers and sisters in the Lord's Church.

There are few men here who have more than five wives, and a large part have but one, while some have none. For myself, I have three. SARAH ANN, your cousin, whom I married in York State, has the largest share of my affections, and takes precedence in the management of the household. Two years ago I married Miss S., formerly of Ohio, and she has charge of the education of the children and attending to the clothing. My other, which I took three months ago, is from near Hamburg, Germany. She is larger than either SARAH ANN or ELIZABETH, (the name of my second wife) and, I say it without invidiousness or impropriety is decidedly handsome. Her person is of good size, very round, full chest, bright flaxen hair and a soft blue eye. She enters into the duties of her new situation with wonderful alacrity, and is very happy, as are SARAH ANN and ELIZABETH. There is none of that jealousy—that dissention to tear out each other's hair—which you have probably imagined would show itself in such cases.

We are all looking forward to the time when we shall be together constantly in our little Eden, *where we can work for each other, and raise our* children in "the fear and admonition of the Lord." You may be surprised at this; but you will be still more so, when I assure you that all of my present wives are anxious that *I* should get another—one who is fitted by education, and physically adapted, to take charge of the business of the dairy. With such an arrangement of my household, every department of a well organized establishment, on a patriarchal scale, would have a head to it, and be governed in order. I have no inclination to comply on my own account, as I am well satisfied with those I now have, but if I should do so, it will be entirely out of regard for them.

My daughter LOUISA is engaged to be married to a man from Pennsylvania, who has already a wife and three children. It did not entirely meet my approbation, but I did not interpose a single objection, so long as she was satisfied, and the marriage would be in a high degree honorable to her, as well as advantageous in a worldly view.

Now, my dear Sir, you will say what is to come of all this? Let me tell you what has come of it. In Deseret there are no libertines with their paramours, no houses of prostitution, no cases of seduction, or those which disturb the peace of families in the States, under your laws. Here every woman can have what God intended she should—a husband—and every man that wants to, may have a wife. And as a woman that is the wife of a man who has one or more other wives is more fortunate than if she were the only one, for in case of plurality the duties of the house are divided.

The children here are pretty numerous; I must admit that this should and does contribute to the happiness of the true followers of the Lord, from whom we have learned that our duty is to multiply and replenish. But, mark this, there are no illegitimate children in Deseret, no children of shame who are ashamed of their mothers, and a disgrace to say but the lowest society.

I shall not enter into an argument to attempt to convince you that your sentiments in regard to the *marriage relation are the results of education and* are wrong. I wish you could live here one year or two, however, and I have not a doubt your sons would show you and changed your opinion.

Shooting Affair in Covington—Examination of the Prisoner.

From the Cincinnati Gazette, Dec. 12.

The citizens of Covington were startled yesterday morning by the announcement that Col. R. B. CARPENTER, an attorney at law, had been shot down in the street by V. T. PERKINS, proprietor of the Cincinnati and Covington Omnibus line, both of whom are residents of that city—men whose character for respectability has always been unimpeachable. There was much said during yesterday as to the cause of the affray, but all the rumors afloat were not of such plausibility as to justify us in making them public. The one which was most prevalent is, that Mr. PERKINS had understood that for some time past Col. CARPENTER had been slandering his wife, by stating that she was an improper woman. Mr. P. also alleges that on Sunday last Mr. CARPENTER had stated to a friend of his that Mr. PERKINS had caught him (CARPENTER) in bed with Mrs. P., and was too big a coward to resent it. This, Mr. P. says, so enraged him that he procured a revolver and determined that as soon as he met Col. C. he would make an effort to take his life. Yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, as Col. CARPENTER was leaving the Post-Office, situated on Madison near Fifth-street, and was going up Madison-street reading a letter, he was confronted by PERKINS coming down Madison-street, who pulled a revolver, and presenting it at CARPENTER'S head, fired. Not a word passed between them. CARPENTER turned his head, when PERKINS fired a second time, the ball entering the right side of the wind pipe, and passing around the neck, came out of the back of the neck, on the left side. In its passage the ball injured the nerve sufficiently to produce paralysis, but it is thought it did not injure any of the vital organs. CARPENTER dropped his head when PERKINS pointed the pistol at C.'s stomach and fired again, the ball passing through his clothes, and making a flesh wound a few inches from his stomach. CARPENTER then raised his hand and attempted to reach PERKINS away. PERKINS then ran into the Post-Office, and CARPENTER placing his hands on his neck, with the assistance of two gentlemen, walked to Dr. BLACKBURN'S office, about half a square distant from the Post-Office. Drs. EVANS, T. N. WISE, BLACKBURN, and others, were immediately sent for, who, upon arrival, dressed the wound, and administered to him some stimulants. He was then carried to his residence on Tenth, near Washington-street where every attention was being given him up to a late hour last night. After the affray, Mr. PERKINS was arrested upon view, by magistrate SOUTHGATE, who committed him to jail for examination, which took place yesterday afternoon, in the City Hall, in the presence of several hundred persons, and before magistrates SOUTHGATE and BEALE. Messrs. HUTCHINSON, DUDLEY, and Judge KINNEY appeared for the prosecution, and Wilson J. W. BRYCE, McMILLIN and FRANKS, appeared for the prisoner. The states produced evidence of the facts as stated in the preceding paragraphs, and Mr. J. W. BRYCE, on the part of the prisoner, stated that the prisoner was ready to show that the provocation was more than Colonel CARPENTER, must deny, that the question of recovery was decidedly against him, and that it would be from three to five days before the result could be known. The meeting of the parties and [illegible] was modified to the extent of which we have given above. The prosecution urged the point that case should be continued on jail without bail, and bent until the law of Colonel CARPENTER is known. The defense urged the merits, and claimed that the charge under which the prisoner was arraigned was bailable.

The Court declared that the prisoner should be admitted to bail, to appear before the Worth term of the Circuit Court. The bail was fixed at $10,000. In default of bail he was committed to jail.

The difficulty between Col. CARPENTER and Mr. PERKINS, about the wife of the latter, has been going on from five to seven years, many times the parties meeting, and after exchanging hard words, would separate, each threatening the other's life.

Death of J. H. Guyarre.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Dec. 8.

The death of Hon. JOHN H. GUYARRE, which took place last evening, removed from life one of our most eminent men. For nearly half a century he had been a man of mark in this community, and for a great part of the time had been among the foremost in eloquence, learning, and ability, at a bar which possessed some of the highest intellects of the times. His social qualities, his wit, his address, and fine person made him a captivating companion, as his powerful mind and commanding memory gave him a high position in the community, and a very extensive practice in his profession. For a long time he has been invariably engaged, or at least consulted in some stage of the proceedings, in almost every case at law in this city which involved large interests or important principles; and on public questions he was, though not a professional politician, often called out by his political friends, whenever it was thought necessary to produce a great impression.

For some years past he has taken little active space in political matters, devoting himself to the cares of his profession. Advancing years told so lightly on his frame that, until within a year or more, he had all the elasticity of step and general air of a well preserved man of less than fifty. Within a few months his limbs lost something of their state of vigorous, and his face began to wear the lines of age more distinctly.

He returned from a trip to the North, made this Summer, with an apparent improvement, and his friends thought him in better health than he had enjoyed for years. But a few weeks since he was struck down by paralysis of the left hemisphere, and has been ever since lying in a precarious state. Some alleviatory symptoms gave hopes that he might be restored, but within a day or two an unfavorable turn took place, and he expired at about 8 o'clock last evening, at his residence, in this city.

He was surrounded during his illness by old valued and washed friends, and his only child, Mrs. SAMUEL WARD, of New-York, who arrived in the Crescent City in time to watch by his sick bed and console his dying moments by her affectionate cares.

Mr. GUYARRE was born in Orange County, Va., in the year 1788, and was consequently in the 66th year of his age. The public have been in the habit of estimating him as over 70, but he entered public life and became conspicuous so young, that his age has been ever estimated, although his appearance would have indicated many years fewer.

An accurate biography of Mr. GUYARRE would include much of the history of the public matters of this State for thirty years. Emigrating here about 1807 or 1808, during the territorial condition of Louisiana, he was, during his active manhood, prominent in all public transactions. Of public offices, however, he has held only a few, and these of no great political significance. He served in *his youth as volunteer aid to General Jackson* at the battle of New-Orleans in 1815, and shared in the military triumphs of the day. He was also a trusted counsellor of the bar of New-Orleans in the subsequent legal proceedings which obtained such historical notoriety. Of civil appointments, he has been United States District Attorney, and Attorney-General, and has served in the State Legislature, and in State Conventions for framing and amending the Constitution, in all which capacities he was *facile princeps*—a giant in debate, with whom few would undertake to grapple.

The death of Mr. GUYARRE creates a void in the profession which it will be difficult to fill, and to his numerous friends who were personally attached to him, and the more numerous admirers who had confidence in his judgment and pride in his talents, it is a severe bereavement.

BASSWOOD PAPER.—The article has come. It is before us—three qualities of it. One almost good enough for a newspaper, (quite good enough for the Washington *Union*, altogether too good for that penniless journal the New-York *Herald*,)—the other better than most of the paper *The Democracy* has had to put up with—and the third a strong, smooth, even sheet, fit for promissory notes—nay for love-notes, the least dangerous of the two. It is made of basswood. The genius who got up the Beardsley Planing Machine, studied out this new paper. He made the pulp in the kitchen of his house in Albany—and made the paper there, too, after some primitive fashion, in which a sieve complacently figured. On one of these samples is an advertisement of $50 reward. Basswood has fairly entered into the service of man in the pursuit of stolen property. This handbill indicates a horse and wagon as the object of the discerns of the gentlemen who invokes the linwood to aid his search of a thief. It is of white, and quite smooth paper. We understand that the wood is treated by revolving cutters, which reduce it to fibre in no time. Then something else is done to this fibre, which we don't understand. *A caveat is* on file at Washington, which will inform the curious what this something else is. Two other things, we are told, of which the most important is, that Mr. BEARDSLEY can make the pulp, and make a fortune out of it, by selling it at two cents the pound. The other is, that an edition of the Albany *Evening Journal* will soon be printed upon the paper. Mr. BEARDSLEY was last week busy at building machinery for a paper mill under his new process. The white cedar is said to yield the finest and strongest paper. There is talk of cutting that apart for bank notes. The Cotton Wood of the South, and the Cypress, are said to be especially adapted to it, as also is the Tamarac. Beyond do we invoke success upon BEARDSLEY'S efforts.—*Buffalo Democracy.*

CONSTITUENTS.—Professor A. MARINER, Esq., the Chemist of the Rochester Color and Chemical Manufactory, gives the following as the result of his analysis of the Croton water: "I am satisfied that its disagreeable peculiarities are to be attributed to the presence in larger quantities than usual of vegetable organic matter, and of the products of the decomposition of such matter. There is no evidence that it is contaminated by the presence of animal organic matter. A gallon of the water I have found to contain 2 84-100 grains of organic matter. If you compare this with 1 7-10 grains—the amount contained in a gallon of the Croton water about the time of its introduction, according to an analysis by Professor HORSFORD—you will perceive that there is an increase in the amount. It would not, however, be safe to consider 2 84-100 grains as representing accurately the total amount of organic impurity in the water; for it is highly probable that the

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PAUPER IMMIGRANTS.

The Almshouse Tax Grievance and the Commutation of Immigrants.

To the Commissioners of Emigration:

The Special Committee on the Laws, Organization and Operations of the Commissioners of Emigration, respectfully

REPORT:

That while the Commissioners, in the judgment of this Committee, have much cause to congratulate themselves and the public on the successful results, as well pecuniary as humane, of the great charity committed to their charge, they cannot but express their deep regret at the absence of that sympathy and harmony which a mutual benevolence and a common object ought to produce on the part of a sister institution, in which has been confided, the distribution of the alms of this City. This regret is increased by the fact that these differences have been made public at a time when an excitable and misinformed public mind is ready to receive any impression, and when the administration of charitable institutions has been attacked, and before these gentlemen had an opportunity of doubt or even investigation the matters submitted.

Previously to 1847, the year in which this commission was instituted, the expenses of all the poor, both native and foreign born, who sought public relief here, were defrayed by the Common Council of the Almshouse, and the tax-payers of this City were assessed for their support. The same was the case in the other cities and counties of the State. The amount thus paid was so large as to be the cause of frequent complaints. To this was added an apprehension on the part of our citizens of the spreading of the contagious diseases with which many newly arrived emigrants were afflicted in the Autumn of 1846 and Spring of 1847. These grave subjects attracted the attention of the Legislature. To remove, or at least diminish them, was the object of the legislation from which resulted this commission.

It is true that before 1847 there was a law requiring bonds to be given by ship owners to indemnify the county from loss, but it was practically found that paupers were either supported in private establishments, by the agents of the ship owners, in a manner revolting to humanity and producing disease and death, or the sums received, owing to the defects in the law, were so small as to be entirely inadequate and scarcely worthy of notice. This provision, besides, was intended only for the relief of this County, and extended to no other. The law of 1847 imposed substantially a tax of $1 50 for every emigrant arriving at this port in a vessel from a foreign country, and out of the funds thus raised the Commissioners of Emigration were directed to indemnify, as far as might be, the several cities, &c., of the State for any expense which might be incurred for such persons, and that such appropriations should be in proportion to the expenses incurred by said cities, &c., severally. The powers and duties thus conferred were merely those appertaining to disbursing officers. The several cities, &c., were to be paid so far as the receipts were sufficient for that purpose; but no one county, or town, or city, was to have any advantage over any other county, town, or city, but each was to receive a sum equitable with the others, according to the amount of expense it had incurred.

The Superintendents of the poor in other counties, the Governors of the Almshouse in this, and the Commissioners of Emigration, are such creatures of the law, which specifies and defines their duties. It is not for them to decide what the law ought to be, but to perform their duties under the law as it is. A denunciation of the Commissioners for so doing what the law does not direct, but in substance prohibits, is as improper and as unreasonable as a refusal on the other side to perform what the statute requires.

As has been stated, the Commissioners—now called the Governors of the Almshouse, were, previously to 1847, the general directors of the City. No law since that time has changed their duties or diminished their responsibility in that respect. They are as much liable now as ever to furnish accommodations for all the poor who reside and seek public relief here. In regard to emigrants, however, who have arrived at the port of New-York since May, 1847, and who have not been in the country five years, the Commissioners of Emigration are directed to indemnify them "as far as may be," according to the expenses incurred. It was never intended that the Governors should be the proprietors of a boarding-house, out of which to make profit, but simply that they should be indemnified for their actual outlay to the most advantageous. When the Commissioners of Emigration agreed to pay $3 a week for the support of each emigrant lunatic (arriving as above stated) in the asylum on Blackwell's Island it was on the supposition that the maintenance of such inmate would cost the Almshouse that amount. But when the Commissioners discovered by the reports of the Governors that this supposition was erroneous and that the support of such lunatic cost considerably less, they paid less; and on the contrary, as they were in duty to the other counties, towns and cities of the State, regarding the equitable division of their fund, bound to do so, and claimed that for the future they should not be obliged to pay more than the expenses actually incurred.

The Commissioners are invested by the same law with a discretion in regard to erecting buildings, and of themselves taking care of and supporting those who would otherwise become a charge on the several counties, towns and cities of the State. Seeing the lack of accommodation, not arising from design or want of prudence on the part of the Governors, but from the vastly increasing and unexpected number of applicants for public relief, believing that in this City they could take care of and support such emigrants in certain cases, as comfortably as at the Almshouse, and at a less price than would be incurred by the City for them, the Commissioners deem not to exercise this discretion to a certain extent, and therefore erected buildings for the reception and care of all emigrants who had arrived at this port and who needed public assistance or medical treatment, except small-pox patients, in the City, and lunatics. Of the latter there was not at first a sufficient number to justify the expense of erecting a special hospital, although that is now in contemplation, as soon as the number to be supported and the means will justify the outlay. The Commissioners also thought it praiseworthy and important to increase the number of hospitals for that highly contagious disease, small-pox, the Governors of the Almshouse having already such a hospital; but at present, and for some three years past, small-pox patients have been sent to a separate building at Quarantine, exclusively appropriated to their reception. All other cases the Commissioners are willing to, and do receive into their own institutions on Ward's Island, and when it is intimated that a numerous class of syphilitic patients, or those afflicted with a kindred disease, who are chargeable to the Commissioners are treated or maintained by the Governors of the Almshouse, the intimation involves either a misconception, or, if true, shows a neglect of duty in not sending them to Ward's Island, where, so far as this City is concerned, they by law belong.

The case of vagrants, as well as other cases involving jurisdiction, is quite different. Vagrancy by our law is a misdemeanor. Men are imprisoned for it as for petty larceny or other misdemeanors, and sentenced for not more than six months, and "kept at hard labor." By the sentence of the Court they are deprived of the opportunity of earning their own livelihood, and are obliged to work for the benefit of the City. Why, then, should the Commissioners of Emigration be charged for their support any more than for the maintenance of an emigrant sent to Blackwell's Island for theft, or to the State Prison for larceny or fraud, or any other felony, "there to be kept at hard labor?" The Commissioners are not Penitentiary officers but merely disbursing officers of a charitable fund collected to find asylum for paupers, not to pay for the support of criminals, who may, for aught that is known, earn enough to support themselves by the "hard labor" to which they have been sentenced.

The convicts from abroad, and lunatics of foreign poorhouses, have been shipped to this country, and passed from shipboard into our almshouses in no new matter. The Commissioners called the attention of the Legislature to these facts four years ago; but that body has not as yet, (notwithstanding the repeated remonstrances under the Commissioners, The Commissioners have also submitted the matter to the consideration of the General Government, whose powers upon the subject are undoubted. The Commissioners have endeavored to trace such cases, have imposed penalties upon the vessels bringing them, and asked to return them whence they came; and if they have not done more it has not been from negligence or want of disposition, but purely from insufficiency of power. They certainly unite in the hope that the subject may become matter of treaty negotiation; but whilst indulging in the hope, they also protest against this importation of criminals and paupers, to which they have interposed all the opposition with which the law has clothed them, being invoked as a cause of complaint against them; besides, any foreign pauper or foreign convict whose support is chargeable to the fund under the control of this commission, is used or supported in a manner to intend; but any other foreign pauper or foreign convict arriving by way of Canada or otherwise, whose support is not chargeable upon this fund, must be supported in the same manner as a native pauper. It is one to have been strongly urged that the Governors that the Commissioners are not responsible for all those persons who have not been in this country five years. The law prohibits the expenditure of any of this fund except for those who have come in vessels from a foreign country arriving at the port of New-York, or for those who have not been in the United States one year, and who have arrived at this port in a city or vessel from any of our other States, and have paid commutation, and by those paying commutation have contributed to the only fund from which the Commissioners can derive their expenses. The unqualified statements, therefore, that "in the Workhouse there are 172 inmates known to be less than five years residents," and "in the Penitentiary, 112 foreigners resident less than five years," and "of the foreigners who had been less than five years," if made and published as evidence from which the public is to infer that the Governors are supporting them when this Commission exists by law to the contrary, are unnecessary as unjust. Emigrants may go to Quebec, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New-Orleans, not to mention other Atlantic ports, and without doubt many of those who have five years from the time of their arrival find their way by their owner to this City, and into the Almshouse and Penitentiary. None knew better than the City Authorities that the Commissioners are in no way responsible. They know further, that the Commissioners are prohibited from using any of their fund for the support of such. Your Committee cannot believe that these statements, and the inference drawn therefrom, by some were intended to influence the Judgment of any officer in regard to this Commission, because, if they intended, they have not, and cannot do so. Such attempts, by omission and commission, to make the Commissioners only acted upon by the Governors, to mislead and deceive the public. Your Committee report that the Governors in their statements, by omission or commission, should have omitted no material fact in regard to the "nine hundred native patients belonging to the Commissioners of Emigration" counted in the return, or that the Commissioners have paid the Governors over $42,240 for such lunatics, and hold themselves ready and able to pay the balance, if any, when the gentlemen to whom it has been attempted to submit this and other matters, have made their decision in the premises. The Commissioners do not cause this emigration, neither is it in their power to within their province, to stop or to attempt to stop it. It is the result of causes far removed from the control of any body of men—oppression, poverty, death, famine, country of birth, and a thousand other causes should, if true, the result, and on the contrary abundant of fertile and unoccupied lands, and numerous other inducements in this country, produce this emigration. It is doubtless an evil to have other cities or proper emigrants introduced into the country; but your Committee think that the advantages which the city derives from emigration to this port greatly overbalance that evil, and more than compensate for it. Some grossly charged that eight or ten crazy emigrants have, according to the report to the Governors, found refuge in the Almshouse, instead of being sent to the institution of the Commissioners.

Emigrants employ, and profitably reward, a large portion of our mercantile marine. The receipts from passage, not by vessel the amount received for freights on all the exports of the United States. On the arrival of the emigrant here, our laborers and artisans are employed in the removal of their baggage, our boarding-house keepers in affording them shelter, others in supplying them with such various necessaries as their wants require; and when they take their departure from the City, our steamboats, and railroads and canals are profitably employed in their transportation. In addition to this, German emigrants alone have, for the last three years, as is estimated by the best German authorities, brought into the country and expended an average of about eleven millions of dollars. A large amount of property in proportion to numbers is also estimated to have come from Holland and other countries. The amount of money thus expended for supplies and for food, and introduced into the country, is incalculable, and when compared to our citizens from these sources are duly considered, the expense of such eight or ten crazy emigrants becomes an insignificant item.

The Commissioners are authorized to take care of emigrants alone. During five seven years of their existence many emigrant females have been delivered of children in the hospitals of the Commissioners. These children are not emigrants, but native born, and their care and maintenance belong to the Governors of the Almshouse, and the expense of taking care of them, your Committee is advised, is an equivalent set-off, to some extent at least, to the claims of the Governors for lunatics and small-pox patients. This is denied by the lunatics and the Commissioners are told to send such children to the Almshouse. This they are willing and have offered to do, provided the Governors will take charge of the mothers, for whose expenses they will be indemnified. This is refused, on the ground that the mothers, being emigrants, are property inmates of the institution on Ward's Island, and will not be received into the City Poor-House. And thus the Commissioners are obliged to be either guilty of the inhumanity of separating tender babes from their mothers, or must bear the expenses of thousands of infants chargeable of right to another fund and another body. The Commissioners have adopted the latter alternative, and will, for humanity's sake, continue to do so, although the Governors thereby may be relieved from a burden which they of right ought to bear. Your Committee deem it proper, here considering, to state that the laws under which the Commissioners act have been of great benefit, in a pecuniary point of view, to the taxpayers of the State, and especially to those of this City; and leaving out of view for the present the large amount annually expended in returning paupers and others to Europe, in transportation of emigrants to their friends away from the City, and for indemnifying the other Counties in the State, your Committee proposes to show the amount annually expended in this City by this commission for the support of those who otherwise would have been inmates of the Almshouse here, and a burden on our tax-paying citizens.

The commission was organized in May, 1847; during the last eight months of that year there was expended as above stated..... $77,548
In 1848..... 149,564
In 1849..... 202,652
In 1850..... 240,000
In 1851..... 274,541
In 1852..... 232,505
In 1853..... 320,000
In 1854 (estimated)..... 315,000
In all..... $2,000,658

Your Committee would call special attention to this fact; that the fund under their charge is derived exclusively from emigrants arriving at this port direct from a foreign country, and that out of the 60 counties of the State, the poor officers of the County of New-York alone seem to desire to burden this fund with the support of those who never contributed a cent towards it. In conclusion, your Committee invite the strictest examination into their operations and the mode in which, under the law, the Commissioners have disbursed the moneys subject to their control. Your Committee is satisfied of a just intention in all such transactions.

All the Commissioners of Emigration, excepting the Mayor of Brooklyn, are, or all their predecessors have been, residents and tax-payers in this City, and have been and are, therefore, interested in the diminution of the taxes of the City. In all their dealings, how, how with this sacred fund—a fund raised from the poor, the homeless, and the stranger—your Committee is satisfied that investigation will prove the Commissioners to have been as little influenced by their own private interests as by any feelings of rivalry, or motives of jealousy or injustice towards those who are laboring in the same broad field of benevolence. In this work there is abundance of room for kindness of feeling and harmony of action. These the Commissioners desire, but if unfortunately denied, they then ask nothing more than that their motives should not be impeached, or their actions misrepresented.

G. C. VERPLANCK,
AND. CARRIGAN,
E. CRABTREE.

The report was accepted.

OCEAN BANK FRAUD.

Investigation before His Honor Judge Beebe.

The investigation into the series of frauds alleged to have been committed by the First Teller of the Ocean Bank, was resumed on Saturday, pursuant to adjournment.

Examination of Mr. Martin resumed by Mr. Whiting.—I asked Mr. McGucken if he could find any items in the Teller's cash that seemed wrong, or that would relieve him from this enormous defalcation by his own acts: his reply was, everything appears correct, and I am not able to-night to give you any information, but you have my promise that in the morning I will give you a full statement of the amounts that the Dunnings and Loomis have severally had, as I have all the figures at home. I then asked Mr. McGucken to tell me if there were any more checks, certified by him, outstanding for any person, and particularly for Loomis or the Dunnings; his reply was, that there were none; I stated to him that I had been told both by Loomis and the Dunnings that he (Mr. McGucken) had been at Dunning's office on Monday morning, 16th, and destroyed a large amount of certified checks that he had left there on Saturday morning, Oct. 14; I then asked him if it was so; Mr. McGucken replied, "It is so, and I destroyed them myself on Monday morning, and there is not a check out to my knowledge." I asked him if he had in his possession any checks certified, or not, that had been paid by the Bank; his reply was, "I have not as I only kept the amounts and dates after taking them from the exchanges, and I then destroyed them, but I have all the memorandums at home, and I will furnish you with them in the morning." I asked Mr. McGucken if he got his hat to leave the Bank on that night, and if to him, "Mr. McGucken, your cash is some $30,000 short, and you must on leaving the Bank on Saturday night have taken some of it with you, now tell me the truth, did you not do so?" His reply was, "I did take some, Mr. President;" I then said, "Now Mr. McGucken, tell me how much you took, and also if you took any bills that night?" Out with it, and you will feel better, and the sooner you divulge all your sins from beginning to end, the sooner we shall all feel relieved." I could get nothing more out of him except his promise to be at the Bank early the next morning, and that he would then give me all the information promised; he would hardly speak unless asked a question from the time he came into the Bank in the morning till he left it at 11 o'clock that night; when he reached the inside door on leaving the Bank, I called to him and said, "Recollect, Mr. McGucken, I have your promise to be here early in the morning to give me all the particulars;" his reply was, "You have my promise, Sir, and I shall keep it;" I never saw him from that moment until the morning of his arrest, at the Third Ward Station-house; I was at the Bank on the morning he promised to be there, and he did not come.

Q.—Had you discovered the amount of the defalcation of Mr. McGucken at the time of your last interview with him at the Bank? A.—Not entirely.

Q.—When, if anything, was said by you to Mr. McGucken as to the amount of his defalcation? A.—The amount that was mentioned at that time was shown to him, and I asked him to explain where the money had gone.

Q.—When you say it was shown to him, state in what manner it was shown to him. A.—There was a statement made up in writing, showing the deficiency of cash items as far as ascertained at that time—that is to say, an account of the cash items on hand.

Q.—Was that put in his hands? A.—It was; but that was only a statement of the cash and cash items we found on hand at the Bank.

Q.—Reflecting from the cash and cash items which the books of the Bank showed that he (Mr. McGucken) ought to have had on hand, the amount of the cash and cash items as found in the Bank, would the difference show the amount abstracted? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Would that difference include all the certified checks then paid by the Bank? A.—Yes, Sir; it would.

Q.—Were there any figures on the paper as shown him showing the amount then gone? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Can you say whether Mr. McGucken made any figures, or calculations, or calculations, to ascertain how much he was then short? A.—He did not, in my presence.

Q.—The amount was short at that time, so far as you knew? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you observe any further defalcation on his part? A.—No.

Q.—Did you observe any other entries on his part? A.—No.

Q.—Were the Dunnings and Loomis checks cashed at the records of Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, amounting to $5,000; to over charge to the Ocean Bank by a discounts of Brown, $1,000; a check and note to Elder & Painter, both charged $908 20; also a check and note to William R. Hetter & Co., $262 60, amounting in all to $7,674 20.

Q.—Were these entries of which you have just spoken in the handwriting of Mr. McGucken? A.—They were part of them.

Q.—What part of them? A.—The amount charged to Drexel & Co., the falsification of Brown on the package of bills to the Ocean Bank, as also the ticket he made up, amounting to $1,000.

Q.—By what means do you ascertain that he is chargable with the other defalcations? A.—We find that in his cash.

Q.—Please explain why. A.—They were his entries of credits to those parties on his books.

Q.—Can you state whether you can say that credits shown by our records, or by the use of memoranda, accompanied with a statement made to Mr. McGucken, now work of his defalcation were in bills, how much in specie, and how much in certified checks? A.—Only in the aggregate.

Q.—Have you any of the certified checks, certified by Mr. McGucken to persons or parties who had no funds in the Bank when they were certified, or appeared to have been so certified? A.—I have, Sir.

Q.—How many, and to what amount? A.—Twenty-four in number, and $68,400 in amount.

Q.—Who are or purport to be the drawers of those checks? A.—Freeman Loomis and S. & J. S. Dunning.

Q.—How many, and to what amount are Loomis'? A.—Ten of Freeman Loomis' amounting to $24,300; fourteen of Dunning's amounting to $39,300.

Q.—Have you in your possession any checks certified by Mr. McGucken which appear to have been paid at the Ocean Bank which were not found in the Bank? A.—I have.

Q.—How many? A.—Nine.

Q.—What do they amount to in the aggregate? A.—$38,200.

Q.—Who are they drawn by? A.—All by S. & J. S. Dunning.

Q.—Where did you find them? A.—In Mr. McGucken's coat pocket.

Q.—When and where did you find them in his coat pocket? A.—In his trunk at the Third Ward Station-house on the evening of the day of his arrest.

Q.—Did you find anything else in his trunk or on his person belonging to the Ocean Bank, or to any dealer of the Ocean Bank? A.—We found a bag containing gold with the name of a dealer written on it in full.

Q.—Do you know how much gold was in the bag? A.—I do not as it was not counted in my presence.

Q.—Who took possession of them? A.—Judge Beebe.

Q.—Did you ever hear Mr. McGucken say where he certified these checks found in his possession? A.—I did, Sir.

Q.—When and where, and what did he say on this subject? A.—At the bank on the morning of the 15th October, he said that he was in the habit of going to Lunning's office in the morning before coming into the bank, and certifying checks there.

Q.—Does that apply to both Dunning's and Loomis' checks? A.—Yes Sir to both.

Q.—Did it apply as well to the checks found in his trunk as to those that were paid and found in the Bank? A.—To all.

Q.—Did Loomis and the Dunnings each keep an account in the Ocean Bank? A.—They did.

Q.—Up to what time? A.—Mr. Dunning's last deposit was made, I think, in August last; I have not the date with me.

Q.—When their account closed at the bank before Mr. McGucken was in the bank? A.—It was.

Direct examination here closed, and the examination was adjourned till 20th instant.

THE POST OFFICE.

Depredations on the Mails—Trial of James Fitzgibbons—The Prisoner Convicted.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.

Before His Honor Judge Betts.

The Court met on Saturday at 11 o'clock, when Judge Betts proceeded to deliver the decision of the Court upon the question of law raised on Friday by Mr. Talmadge, the counsel for the prisoner. The point attempted to be made by Mr. Talmadge was that the offence of Fitzgibbons did not come within the provisions of the statute, as the letters which Fitzgibbons had abstracted were proven to be decoy letters and not intended to be "conveyed by post," as presented by the 27th section of the laws referring to the Post-office.

It was held by the Court that if Fitzgibbons had been observed taking letters or packages in the present instance, and that he had afterwards destroyed those letters so that it could not be determined whether they were decoy letters or not, it would be clearly an offence within the act. It was not to be supposed that in this act Congress intended to raise the question whether it was a *bona fide* correspondence—whether the letters were really intended to go to persons to whom they were directed—or not. It was undoubtedly the intention of Congress to throw the protection of the law over matter conveyed by mail. The matter came by mail and was put into the Post-Office with the view of having it sent by mail, and the intention was accomplished in the transmission of the letters to this City.

The technical defence being decided against, and there being no defence as to the facts offered, the Jury returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence deferred.

MARINE COURT.

Before Judge McCarthy.

DECORATIONS IN FRESCO.

George W. Hejer vs. Wm. H. Dutier.—This was an action to recover damages laid at $500, for a breach of contract. It appeared that the plaintiff was a house decorator, and the defendant a resident of Irving-place, who wished to have his house painted and the parlor and hall decorated in *fresco*, in the highest style of that popular art. He accordingly entered into a contract with the plaintiff to execute the work, with a condition precedent that an artist named Hillrig should be engaged by the plaintiff to do the parlor and hall in *fresco*. The scaffolding was put up and the work commenced, but, after the first day's work, Hillrig refused to go on or to cooperate with the plaintiff in any way. The defendant then caused the plaintiff to be served with a notice to proceed and complete the contract, which he was unable to do, and the defendant then made a new arrangement with Hillrig, and had to pay that artist $150 more than the plaintiff had contracted to do the work for. The plaintiff's counsel was unable to make out his case, and submitted to a non-suit.

George W. Byer vs. Margaret N. Maude.—Ordered that the motion to vacate judgment entered herein be granted, unless plaintiff, within five days, consent to remit $100 from the amount of the judgment, in which case, motion denied without costs to either party.

NEW-JERSEY.

American Liberty as Interpreted in St. Peter's.

SERMON BY FATHER HAELINGER.

In consequence of rumors prevalent during the past week to the effect that the troubles between the Catholic pastor of Jersey City and some of his rebellious hearers among the Irish military Companies there, had not yet subsided, but were about to break out anew, and in a more aggravated form, we dispatched one of our Reporters to St. Peter's Church yesterday, in order, if possible, to ascertain the nature of the dispute in question.

It is understood that a Captain of the Montgomery Guard has been deprived of his pew, and it was generally reported that he had expressed the intention of occupying it on Sunday in spite of the ecclesiastical power, and *via et armis*, if necessary. A very large congregation assembled at the last mass, but no such attempt as was talked of was made, and the services passed off without interruption. At the close of the first Gospel Rev. Father HAELINGER, an Austrian ecclesiastic, and the senior assistant of Father KELLY, delivered the following singular address to his large and attentive audience.

SERMON.

The text was taken from the Gospel of the day, the first chapter of St. John's Gospel, beginning with the 19th verse:

"And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to ask him, Who art thou?"

The high priests and the Pharisees of the Jews sent a deputation to St. John the Baptist in the wilderness to ask him, "Who art thou?" St. John enjoyed so great a reputation among his countrymen, and even beyond the limits of Judea, that all eyes were directed towards him; and so, at this time, the expectation of the advent of the Redeemer was strong among all nations of the world of which we have proof even from the Roman poets, it was quite natural that the Jews, seeing the holy life of St. John, and hearing that preaching by which, without fear and without restraint, he admonished everybody—even the rich and noble—when they saw the heroic spirit with which he even stopped before Herod, the King and rebuked him, and told him that it was not lawful for him to have the wife of his brother—it was but natural, I say, to think that, after all, John himself might be the Messiah who was to come. It was under this impression, then, that they sent a deputation to him in the wilderness to ascertain who he was. And what was the answer he made to them? He told them—"I am not Christ." And when they asked him further—"Art thou Elias, or art thou the Prophet?" he answered "No." Now, my dear brethren, you might think that after all there was no great virtue exhibited by St. John in denying that he was what he was not. They asked him nothing but—"Art thou the Messiah?" and he answered nothing but the truth—that he was not. But, my dear, look at the people found in everywhere, in other countries and in other ages, we cannot but find that one of the greatest virtues, and one of the most difficult virtues which a man is called upon to practice, is the virtue of humility; and that humility cannot, perhaps, go far in a man to tell the truth about himself, yet there are very few who do it; the majority of mankind always want to appear much more than they really are. Now, Messiah, or Christ, means nothing else than a Redeemer. At that time it was expected by all the Jews that one of the seed of Abraham and of David would come, and free the country from a foreign yoke, and who would bring about a state of perfect liberty. It was at that period that this spirit of liberty had attained its height in all nations. The Pharisees, indeed, were really a political sect, striving to stir up a revolution in the land of their nativity—a revolution against Herod and the Romans. This spirit of liberty is just as rampant in our time, and perhaps more so, than then. The Jews expected only one redeemer—only one Messiah to set them free from the Roman yoke; and so much so that as soon as they had got a king in our own days, my dear brethren, we have quite a number of Christs. For, as to say, every man who makes a little pretension to thinking, believes he is called upon to be a redeemer of mankind—that he has got a special "mission"—that he is the champion chosen by Almighty God to bring about a universal liberty. This proud—this great spirit, manifested by man in attempting to be "reformers," is one of the greatest mischiefs under which our times are laboring, and is fraught with the most deadly influences. Fourteen my dear brethren, an Frenchman coming from the old country, He has heard a great deal about the free country that lies beyond the Atlantic Sea, and he was told that men were as free as the birds in the sky. By these representations he was induced to come over here in order to escape the load of tyranny by which his native country is crushed down. He comes here and brings with him his notions of liberty. But what do he understand by liberty? What is the liberty of all those he knows here, full of all these ism, who are here here, when they speak or think about liberty? Now, this is a question which most obviously and quite essentially affects all those who imagine that they are, every one of them, little Christs. If they are freemen, as they say, and if they are so ready to fight for liberty as they assert, it is but fair that they should step forward and give answer and say what is liberty. And yet, my dear brethren, this is a question which very few in this country are apt, or able to answer. Now, that Irishman who comes here and brings his expectations of liberty with him, will talk, and read, and will hear others talk of political liberty, of religious liberty, of liberty of speech, and a great many other kinds of liberty; and he thinks, while he is thus speaking of these different liberties, that he really knows something, and that he really has got an idea in his head; and he pulls himself up and gets proud and gets stubborn, and for this very liberty which he thinks he has got an idea of, he is apt to trample down the most sacred laws of religion. What, then, is liberty? Let us see. He has arrived in this country; and perhaps the very first day he comes here he takes a drop too much. Before freemen, of course, and why should he not have the liberty to take a drop too much; that is nobody's business but his own; hasn't every man the liberty even to commit sin if he pleases? Well, having taken a little too much he gets noisy; he may not stop to disturb any one in particular, but he creates a noise in the streets, and he conducts himself in a manner that is not quite regular or decent. What will the man do? He will be taken by the watchmen to the watch-house, and when time is given him to reflect he arrives at the conclusion that, after all, this political liberty has some limits, that man is not free to do everything he pleases; and thus his notion that liberty is nothing else but freedom from all restraint, is shaken to its very foundation on the very first occasion, perhaps, that he endeavors to realize it. A Socialist, a Fourierite, perhaps, comes over here, and he is firmly convinced, as he thinks, that no man should hold any property for himself alone; he has convinced himself by a certain kind of reasoning that property is nothing else but theft, and that, therefore, it is the duty of every man who is possessed of property to share it with his fellow men, and that all those who refuse to give over a proportional share of their goods to their neighbors transgress the seventh commandment of God, and are nothing short of thieves. Upon this notion he has conceived a hatred of all capitalists and all property-holders, and of everybody who has more than himself, and he believes that to take their wealth from these men is what every man has a natural right to do, and that it is no sin nor no crime. Perhaps, on coming here, as he supposes, to a free country, he finds a chance of appropriating to himself a gold watch or something of that kind, which other people would say belonged to his neighbor. What is the consequence? He is found out; he is taken up, tried, convicted and imprisoned probably for several years; and yet this is done in a free country. Now, you see, my dear brethren, that if liberty was what men in this country imagine it should be—if liberty was nothing else but a freedom from all restraint—if liberty was synonymous with licentiousness—then it would be the duty of all good men to band together to put down this liberty, and by force, even, if it could not be put down otherwise. You all know, and you can read it in every paper, that there are laws which are so many chains on your free will. You have a Government which is the executive of those laws, and, which, if it does its duty, enforces them against you. You have in the whole civilized world, and will have, as long as the world stands, the necessity of paying taxes, and do you think that political liberty is possible without paying some taxes? What, then, does all that beautiful idea amount to with which people come here, and with which they puff themselves up, so that they speak of a free country? It amounts to this, that you have the right to vote some times for a man whom, perhaps, you do not know, or who, if you know, you were convinced beforehand, was an utterly worthless demagogue. You have no other liberty except to vote for your lawgiver, your taskmaster—that is, you have a right to choose those men who will enslave your liberties by every law which they make and who will restrain your freedom by every law which they enforce. Therefore, my dear brethren, all the difference between political liberty here and political liberty elsewhere resolves itself into a mere word: you have laws here and you have laws elsewhere; you have taxes here and you have taxes elsewhere; the difference is only a difference of form. And I think all of you have by this time made such an experience of political liberty here that you are perfectly satisfied that if there is any despotism in the world, certainly the worst despotism of all is the despotism of a mob.

You talk, too, of religious liberty, and that is one of the topics which in this country is most highly boasted of. Now, I am not to enter into any disquisition about the religious liberty which we Catholics enjoy. We know that we enjoy the liberty of being publicly insulted every day, of being slandered in every paper. We know that we enjoy the liberty of having our religion made, as it were, the mark for every jeer, and every sneer, and every bitter, his rancorous malignity at. But I am not speaking of that; I am speaking of religious liberty in itself. Can there be a religious liberty? Is not the term the greatest nonsense that any man could ever have invented, when understood in that sense in which it is taken by the politicians of this country? To be religiously free, we would require to be free from God. You cannot have religious liberty and enjoy it so long as you have a conscience. Your own conscience does not allow you to be free in the sense that you can do whatever you please. Your conscience tells you that you must love one another; that you must do unto others what you would not like another to do to you; your conscience tells you that you should love truth, and obliges you as soon as you have seen truth presented to you to accept it. Now, my dear brethren, do you believe that any religion which would permit a man to act against his own conscience is entitled to the name of a religion? Even here, in this country, where every form of nonsense and fanaticism can be consecrated under the name of a religion or sect, or denomination, people have not yet come so far as to abolish entirely all conscience. But even here, also, a man need not go very far to find, for instance, a place where men think themselves free in their religion to choose as many wives as they please. But in the greater portion of the country, if we find such a man what will we do with him? Why, he is taken up and tried, and if convicted, he is sent to prison. Yet if this man was perfectly free, religiously,—if he was perfectly free to practice whatever he believed—if he could make his own conscience—why should the law step forward and say, "Thou shalt not do such a thing?" You are talking and boasting, too, of liberty of speech, and you should be ashamed of such a boast. Do you believe, my dear brethren, that there ever can be a state of society where it will be lawful for a man to tell a lie? that there ever can be such a liberty as to permit one of you to slander the other, for instance? If you have not then the liberty to tell lies, you have the duty to tell the truth—and if you have the bounden duty to tell the truth, then you should not talk of the liberty of speech, but of the duty of telling the truth. And you have not even the liberty in all countries, not even in this country, of telling the truth in every respect. For example: If you meet a man in the street, of whom you certainly know that he has become a bankrupt voluntarily, and that he has wilfully cheated his fellow men—that he has broken down without necessity—and that hundreds of the industrious and lowly poor have lost the little savings which they had entrusted to him—do you dare to go up to him and say: "Friend, then art the great cause compatible accomplice on the face of the earth; thou art a thief and a robber, and an oppressor of the poor? I will not tell him that. You know very well that if you practiced such a liberty of speech as that, although you told the truth and nothing but the truth you would be taken up and sued, and if you could not say ten or twenty thousand dollars of damages, you would be put into prison. Then to what does all this boasted liberty of speech amount? It does, my dear brethren, amount to something. It amounts to this, that it makes men proud; it makes them stubborn; it makes them self-conceited; it makes them haughty and overbearing; and the spirit of disobedience and stubbornness and pride and self-conceit, they, which is engendered, in the particular curse which never has been the country, and which I would wish you all, my dear brethren, to flee from, which I would wish you all to shun. Do not allow yourselves to be deceived and dazzled by such empty boasting; I wish that you might seriously look into the nature and end of things, and that you might convince yourselves that there never has been, and, mark me, and never will be a liberty which is preponderate with licentiousness—that there never was a liberty which is preservative of what damage was done in the times.

To Mr. Fowler.—The coals took fire as they had been driven out first; the sparks of burning on the box would have thrown it to pieces; the wind is much stronger than the mills; if the box had been fastened with screws or nails, it would have been blown to pieces; there are large indentations on the inside of the box.

To Judge Beebe.—Think the hole in the pipe was made with a drill.

Samuel Robinson sworn—I am engaged in business at No. 14 West Fourth-street; was there on the 14th inst.; I was on the 9th of June last. One morning I saw a gentleman came in; had a card in his hand; asked me if I was to direct the card; as I was handing it to him he asked me to write it for him; he said, "Direct it to Mr. Allison, Marine Hospital, corner of Washington and Longworth-street." It was a business card. (The card was here shown witness.) This is the card I wrote; this is my handwriting; that's the card I wrote on that afternoon.

Mr. Fowler—Look around and see if you can recognize the man.

Witness—The prisoner is the man I wrote the card for.

The Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning.

FOURTH DAY—Dec. 14.

The testimony for the State was concluded yesterday, and this morning the evidence for the defence commenced.

Mr. Crossmond, sworn: I am Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; on the night of the 6th of June heard the alarm of fire; went to No. 7's house; then went to the Hospital; the house was in confusion; there was a great consternation among the people; saw Mrs. Allison and Mr. Allison; passed into the room where the accident occurred; the standing was torn up; the room was in confusion; I pushed up a portion of the floor; the door of the room was torn out; the door was torn open; the front wind; we were smashed out; there were some fires or twenty minutes; they were all burned. Witness here identified some of the pieces of iron and the lid of the box picked up in the room; I have been on iron founder fifteen or twenty years; this looks as if it had been a cast-piece; it looks as if the end had been welded; should suppose the balls were on the inside of the bomb-shell; suppose there were about half-a-dozen of this piece.

Joseph Lewis, sworn: Was in the Hospital after the explosion; went in and went up into the room; saw and caught hold of Mrs. Allison; I tried to get into the room; Allison was in the front room; assisting to remove to the window; got assistance and carried him into another room; saw a hole in the ceiling; went up stairs and found a piece of the bomb; saw a hole in the plaster of the window; this piece fitted the hole; found this end of the box on the stairs; found this piece of iron and this piece of the lid picked out the next day in the room; the iron was covered with cotton; Allison said, "This is what I got from some of my friends." (Some cotton shown.) This looks like the cotton I found on the iron.

Theodore Marsh, sworn: I am a druggist, corner of Sixth and Western-row, one-half square from the Hospital; on the day after the explosion I went to the Hospital; I went down the basement; the window was the place; it was a back room from the room fronting Western-row; there was a general destruction; everything was blown to pieces; I was looking for the shell, and while looking, we saw a large hole in the ceiling; we followed the traces of the shell; it appeared to have glanced off; I had some pieces in my store; a man named Ford came in the store and said he picked the lid out; he said he fixed the lid for a man named Allison; I haven't much confidence in Ford as a business man; Ford was shown the pieces; he went off with Mr. Moffin to the carpenter-shop.

C. F. Willard, sworn: Am an attorney-at-law; Hoboken; heard of the explosion; on Friday afternoon, the 10th of November, took it down to my office; tore open the envelop and glanced at the letter; locked at the envelop again, and thought it was for me; and then read a portion of it; thought it a curious letter, and was induced to read it; and returned it next day to Mr. St. Clair, Deputy Postmaster; he could not read it; he said "By God, it is as good a Dutch ever saw;" he said they stole his letters here; he said the country here was God-forsaken; they were all thieves. (Witness was here shown letter.) This is the letter I read to the Post-Office. (Witness shown white vest and white hat.) Saw these in Manhattan; there were two men at the store there by the proprietor of the store; we examined his trunk, and on everything his name was erased with the exception of a hook; he had several letters with the signature torn off; on the back of one book part of his name was visible. (Book shown witness.) This is the book that had his name on it; he had erased the name from his hat box; he told me he had sold the hat.

Mrs. Eunice Dyer, sworn: Have some slight acquaintance with defendant; was boarding at Mrs Cringbell's, No. 356 Sixth-street, last Summer, where defendant was boarding; was there when defendant left; he left there the Saturday previous to the explosion; had a young man with him; he came to his friends; there was a lady and her husband short intervals at the same time; the lady and husband wanted to accompany him; defendant said he wanted to go by telegraph.

Lewis Friend, sworn: I am an attorney-at-law; acquainted with defendant; became his attorney about the 1st of June last; I was engaged to collect a claim on Drs. Baker and Lawson; a note for five hundred dollars was put in my hands; I brought suit for the defendant; he stated that he had some difficulty in getting it; I got a judgment against Baker and Lawson, and did not get as much as I ought to have; I received a communication from the father by a Mr. Saunders; I was asked to write what was the public excitement; if the public mind was such that he could have a fair trial; he thought he could have a fair trial; I gave the substance of my answer; I paid the excitement was great, and did not think the man who was charged with the crime

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To Correspondents.

Anonymous communications will receive no attention. All [illegible] must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of the good faith of the parties.

We cannot undertake to return unavailable matter, even if accompanied by the requisite postage.

Communications should be addressed simply to the Editor of the New-York Daily Times, and not to any other person connected with the establishment.

The City Advertising.

It is now five or six weeks since the Common Council passed an ordinance directing the Comptroller to invite proposals from all City newspapers, for advertising for the various departments of the City Government as required by the Charter. Five or six months had been spent in devising the plan which should best secure the interests of the City; and it was finally determined that, instead of allowing the advertising to be given as a party bribe to a few obscure and unknown papers, it should be offered to competition,—that payment for it should be made in proportion to the service rendered, and that it should be awarded to those papers which would do it for the lowest sum *per line, per thousand copies of City circulation.* The Comptroller was accordingly directed to invite proposals in conformity with these regulations,—to make the awards, and to report them to the Common Council for confirmation. He issued a circular for proposals to be handed in at his office on or before the 4th of December. Proposals were received at that time from *nine* of the City papers,—in which the City circulation of each was given, and the terms specified upon which the Advertising would be done.

Just a *fortnight* has since elapsed, and the awards have not yet been made. We learn, however, that they will probably be sent in to the Common Council this evening. The delay has of course not been necessary to a compliance with the directions of the Common Council,—for *two hours* would have been quite enough to make up the awards in accordance with the terms of the ordinance. We learn, however, from the Comptroller that he has deemed it important that the gentlemen of the Common Council should understand what they are about in this matter,—and that he has devoted a fortnight to the preparation of estimates on this subject for their enlightenment. Instead of simply making the awards and reporting them for the action of the Common Council, he has been engaged in counting the number of lines advertised by the City last year, and in computing upon that basis the sum which each paper will receive during the coming year, under the contracts which it is proposed to make. His object in the laudable one of instructing the Common Council as to the cost of the advertising upon the new plan:—we take it for granted he will also compute the sums which the City will probably *save* by having its contracts, involving millions of dollars, properly *advertised*, instead of obscurely printed under the theatrical notices of the *National Democrat*.

We have taken frequent occasion to express our estimate of the vigilance and resolution with which Mr. FLAGG performs the duties of his own department. We have no reason to doubt that he will be equally efficient in discharging the functions of the other branches of the City Government, which he seems inclined to assume. Whether the members of the Common Council did, or did not, know what they were about when they adopted the ordinance in question, Mr. FLAGG is, perhaps, in a better position to judge than we are. In either case we presume they will be duly grateful to him for the instruction which he proposes to bestow upon them. It is not unlikely that the result, if not the design, of his delay in the matter, will be to throw it over for the action of the new Government, which comes into power next month.

A Very Singular Slave Case.

The Indianapolis *Journal*, of the 13th inst., contains the report of a trial which took place in that city a few days since, and which presents several features of considerable interest. The facts as given are substantially these: BENJAMIN WATERHOUSE was indicted last March on the charge of aiding slaves to escape. He was riding in August, 1853, in his wagon, and when he stopped at the town of Orland he had with him three colored persons. He stopped to get something to eat for himself and the negroes. CYRUS FILLMORE (a brother of ex-President FILLMORE,) was present at the time, and asked him "if he was on the Underground Railroad." After refreshing themselves, WATERHOUSE and the negroes passed on. He was indicted in March 1854, for aiding the escape of slaves, but the indictment being defective in several important particulars, it was quashed. The chief defects were, that the negroes were not known to have been slaves; and if slaves, it was not known who the owner was; or that WATERHOUSE knew them to be slaves, and was aiding their escape. The Marshal, however, was determined to make an example of Mr. WATERHOUSE, and CYRUS FILLMORE was engaged by him to go to Canada with Mr. PAYNE, of Lexington, Ky., the son of the alleged owner of the men, and try to discover the negroes and ascertain from them evidence against WATERHOUSE, &c. The following is an extract from Mr. FILLMORE's testimony on the trial:

Cyrus Fillmore sworn: I am brother to ex-President; live in Lagrange County, Indiana; am acquainted with defendant; in August, '53, was standing on the steps of a public house in Orland, and some colored folks with defendant drove up in a two-horse buggy, one of the negroes driving; asked defendant if he was on the under-ground railroad; he said yes, and that he had three fine fellows, and inquired for Capt. BARNY; I told him of CLARK, who was also an abolitionist, and he finally drove up there; THOS. CLARK came out when they drove up, but can't say I saw them get out; saw them no more after they drove to CLARK's; I was within ten feet of the negroes as the wagon turned in the street; this was 20th to 25th August, 1853; 150 miles from Orland to Detroit; *went to Canada with Payne*, and found, as I suppose, one of the same negroes; this was latter part of June last; the same negro, I think, from being a thin, light colored negro, and from his having a peculiar nod, or wink, which I had noticed before at Orland; he was pretty near all black, about as black as those we call black here; I would not call him copper-colored; I might be mistaken in his being the same negro; I understood under-ground railroad to mean a concern got up to run away fugitives; defendant lives on the road leading from Union Mills to Fort Wayne.

On cross-examination Mr. FILLMORE stated that he went to Canada at the suggestion of the Marshal. Mr. ROBINSON and Mr. PAYNE, the claimant of the slaves, stated that the Marshal and FILLMORE went to Canada for the purpose of identifying the negroes, and that they were both to be paid. Mr. PAYNE found his slave TOM at Windsor, Canada, sick; they recognized each other; FILLMORE was with him. TOM was one of the negroes whom Mr. FILLMORE *supposed* he saw at Orland, in the wagon with Mr. WATERHOUSE, in August previous.

Upon this evidence Mr. WATERHOUSE was again indicted, and was tried in Indianapolis last week. The trial lasted three days, and all the power of the Court was brought to bear against WATERHOUSE. The jury, after being out several hours, returned as a verdict that Mr. WATERHOUSE pay a fine of $50, and be imprisoned in the court-room *one hour*, and that the Government pay the costs. This is all they would do. It is stated, though the fact does not appear in the report of the trial in the *Journal*, that the jury refused to impose the fine of $50 unless the Court would first agree to immediately remit it, and that the fine was so remitted.

Kossuth's Opinions.

The speech of KOSSUTH, which we published a few days since, commands universal attention throughout the country, from the clearness with which it presents his views concerning the conduct of the Eastern war. He alludes to the fact that some months ago he expressed substantially the same opinions, and that they have thus far been verified by the result. The following is a passage from a speech which he made in Edinburg, immediately after the expedition to Sebastopol had been resolved upon:

"To take an entrenched camp, linked by terrible fortresses, and an army for a garrison in it, and new armies pouring on your flank and rear, and you in the plains of Crimea, with also no cavalry to resist them, is an undertaking, to succeed in which more forces are necessary than England and France can ever unite in that quarter for such an aim. Ask about it whichever staff officer who has learned something about tactics and strategy. And in that position is Sebastopol, thanks to your Austrian alliance, which, having interposed herself between you and your enemy in Wallachia, made the Czar free to send such numbers to Sebastopol as he likes.

"*You will be beaten, remember my word!* Your braves will fall in vain under Russian bullets and Crimean air, as the Russians fell under Turkish bullets and Danubian fever. Not *one* out of five of your braves, immolated in vain, shall see Albion or Gallia again. But I will tell you in what manner Sebastopol is to be taken. It is at Warsaw that you can take Sebastopol."

The event has certainly shown that in these opinions KOSSUTH evinced far more sagacity than the public men and writers of England and France, who predicted with so much confidence the speedy fall of Sebastopol. It is now universally conceded that the siege will be much longer and more difficult than was at first imagined. KOSSUTH insisted from the first, that Austria, by her neutrality, relieved Russia from all apprehensions on that frontier, and that she could therefore pour reinforcements into the Crimea to any extent. Scarcely a man in England gave any heed to this suggestion:—the Government, certainly, acted directly against the policy which it indicated. Yet the present danger has come entirely from that quarter.

Allied Freedom.

The Allies are said to be fighting Russia in defence of *Liberty*. It is clear that liberty of speech and of opinion is not among the objects for which they are contending, for they are not specially tolerant of that at home. A Paris letter in one of the London journals mentions the arrest of "an elderly person of some property, named QUERMAN," on charge of having expressed his opinions of the war for liberty with too much freedom. Among other remarks concerning the French troops in the Crimea, he was accused of having said that they were "decimated by sickness, that they could not hold their positions, and that the object of Lord PALMERSTON's visit to Paris was to arrange for their being withdrawn from the Crimea, so as to prevent further disasters from befalling them." He denied the accusation,—said he must have been mistaken for some other person,—that he was a man of order, a subscriber to the Loan, and a possessor of *Rentes*; also, that he had a son, who, for eleven years, had served in the Chasseurs d'Afrique, and who had quite recently, by favor of the Emperor, been appointed a Sub-Lieutenant. He called several witnesses, and they spoke highly of his respectability. No proof of his guilt was shown; but the Tribunal, considering the good character he received, only sentenced him to a month's imprisonment, and 2,000f. fine.

This, however, is in France, and is therefore not surprising. In England they take a different course to accomplish the same result. The *law* cannot punish free speech there as in France, but other tribunals can. Mr. BRIGHT has already been burnt in effigy at Manchester for his letter on the war, which we published a few weeks since. And we find another case thus reported in one of the London papers:

A general meeting of the subscribers of the Newcastle Exchange Subscription Rooms was held on Monday, to take into consideration the conduct of Mr. WILLIAM JOSEPH THOMPSON, a member of those rooms. About 150 to 200 gentlemen were present. The Chair was taken by Mr. Alderman POLLOCK. The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, dilated *upon the known Russian feelings of Mr. Thompson*; and after a short address, Mr. HARRISON proceeded to address the subscribers, and moved a resolution to the effect that Mr. W. J. THOMPSON be *expelled as a member of the subscription rooms.* Mr. BOWRES seconded the proposition of Mr. HARRISON. He said, Mr. THOMPSON had always been found to express pro-Russian opinions. The Russian successes were to him a source of joy, their defeat of sorrow. He (Mr. THOMPSON) had scored and altered newspapers, and hung them up near the *telegraphic news*, underlined. This last act came under rule No. 7. Mr. THOMPSON attended, and protested against the proceedings. The motion was formally put from the Chair, and carried unanimously. *Mr. Thompson's name was accordingly struck out of the list of members, amidst the cheers of the meeting.*

This is better than being *knouted*; but the difference is hardly worth the blood spilt for it.

A Heavy Tax—Must we Pay it All?

"Time is money." Then, when the times are flinty, let us not cease in our saving, when the spigot is stopped, at which flow out the dimes and shillings, and the bung where fly out the bank bills and eagles, but save our *time* also with religious economy. Now one of the most difficult of all the problems that a man, short for time, has to settle, is, why so much of the precious stuff of which life is made should be sacrificed to sleep—six hours for a man, seven for a woman, and eight for a fool, says the proverb—but why must six be surrendered? It is no use, however, to attempt to evade the general law. The sleep must be had. If one saves from it at night, he is pretty sure to lose by it in the morning, or if for a week he is successful in holding out with less than his average, he finds that a muddy head and confused thoughts depreciate the value of his waking hours. Still there are hints from nature which time-savers will do well to note, and some suggestions which they should not fail to prosecute. Carnivorous animals sleep more than they which are grass and fruit fed, and we believe it is agreed that if the carnivorous are confined to animal food they require more sleep than if nearly cut off from it. Economists of time then would do well to investigate for themselves the question whether they could not save an hour each night by simply eating less meat at their meals. Happily the investigation is not a costly one, and while the inquirer is engaged in experimenting, his bills for market-stuff will be decreasing.

Again, though hybernation is not sleep, it is a phenomenon very analogous to it. Now, if a hybernating animal is brought out from a cold climate into a warm one, he omits his long Winter state of dormancy and takes only his nightly or daily sleep like other animals of the latitudes. From which is it not fair reasoning, that if one keeps comfortably clad and protects himself from suffering by cold, he needs less sleep to repair the daily waste of his system than if he goes about shivering and half-frozen. The cold of Winter, perhaps as much as the greater length of the Winter nights, brings about the custom, especially prevalent in the rural districts, of sleeping several hours more at that season than during the warm Summer months. Sleep is a great tax upon us at any rate. Seeing we cannot by any affidavit be rid of it, we may try at least to stand by like so many Comptrollers FLAGG, to cut down all unnecessary estimates and reduce the tax we must pay Somnus to the very lowest point that the law compels.

The Navigation of the Amazon.

We are informed by the President, in his message, that treaties with Uruguay and Paraguay assure to us the free navigation of the great La Plata, and several of its tributary streams, but that our efforts to open the Amazon to our commerce have not been attended with similar success. However, Mr. PIERCE refers to the arguments he set forth in a former message, in favor of free transport along the magnificent Mississippi of South America, and expresses the hope that our cordial relations with Brazil may yet insure their acceptance, and bring the negotiations still pending with that Empire to a favorable termination.

In order to urge the importance of the privileges we desire, as a nation, to our own commercial wealth and influence, as well as to the development of South American prosperity and civilization, we shall here briefly review what has already been done towards procuring them, and present a few reflections of general bearing upon the whole question at issue between us and our sister States of the Southern Continent.

While, in some quarters, there has been an almost willful blindness to the mighty benefits that must result from the free navigation of the Amazon to the countries through which it flows—New-Granada, Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, at an early period of their history, manifested a desire to draw thither the capital, intelligence and enterprise of other lands, and were prepared to throw open the resources of their beautiful regions to emigrants from Europe and the United States. During the year 1853, events transpired which have in some degree modified, or at least retarded the fulfillment of these intentions. In that year, Brazil concluded a treaty with Peru, stipulating the contribution of $20,000, by each Government, for the purpose of establishing a line of steamers on the Amazon. This scheme was afterwards remodeled. The American Government stepped in, and made a similar treaty with Peru, securing to itself the same advantages accorded by the latter to Brazil.

At that time, Americans had already obtained control of nearly all the commerce of the Amazon, and in demanding the concessions they required, were merely sustaining a just claim, and asserting the prominence of their courage and their skill. The obstacles to be encountered in the way of regular colonization, were such as the Anglo-Saxon character alone seemed able to cope with. Not only was the rude luxuriance of nature a stubborn opponent of the pruning hand, but the indolence of those who are born upon the soil has, until the latest years, seemed incorrigible.

As early as 1851, there was a treaty granting the right of navigation on the streams tributary to the Amazon, and our countrymen were availing themselves of its benefits to an extent that speedily alarmed Brazil. The latter power hoping to counteract an influence which seemed to her so formidable, at once granted to a certain Mr. DA SOUZA the exclusive right to the free navigation of the river for a period of thirty years, along with a subsidy of $80,000 per annum in addition to the $20,000 furnished by Peru. It is evident that this arrangement amounted to an exclusion of every commercial nation in the world, particularly the United States, from an inestimable privilege. Our Government could not, of course, submit to this policy in silence, but immediately appealed to the treaty with Bolivia and Peru, and claimed the right to navigate the upper course of the Amazon.

The *Echo du Pacifique*, a paper well informed upon such topics, thus states the present posture of this argument between the United States and Brazil.

"Has Brazil, within whose limits the mouths of the Amazon are embraced, the right to shut out the United States from the navigation of that river, when the countries watered by it and its tributaries have granted the desired privilege? This question has been pending for a year past without any satisfactory solution. The American Government, not without reason, pretends that Brazil, as proprietor of but a portion of the river, has no right to act alone in a matter which equally concerns *Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia* and *New-Granada*, watered, as they are, by the Amazon and its tributaries. One of the greatest diplomatists of the United States—no less a person than HENRY CLAY—very skillfully urged the right of free navigation, but his efforts failed before a fresh obstacle.

"Influenced by the example and the pressing representations of Brazil, the Peruvian Government acceded to the terms of the Souza Treaty, and made common cause against the Americans. Should the other Spanish Republics accept the same conditions, there can be no doubt that the Souza scheme, if maintained as a monopoly and free from competition, will turn out to be completely unproductive; it is only by the energetic and simultaneous co-operation of the Spanish Republics and the great commercial nations, that the colonization of the Amazon's banks can be effected. The Brazilian Government has neither the will nor the energy necessary to the accomplishment of great results; it resists, but in vain, the advance of civilization, which loudly calls for the opening of the Amazon and its tributaries; those vast and fertile plains but await the hand of man to yield it, without effort, the most abundant products. The success of the United States, in such a question, will be the success of the entire world; it will open a new era to trade; lands of unimagined wealth to the tide of immigration, and to the Spanish Republics elements of national opulence hitherto unknown."

This grand consummation, we may add to the above eloquent plea, could scarcely have been thus long delayed, had the news of the discovery of gold upon the banks of the Amazon been confirmed. Commerce would have forced its way thither by innumerable inlets, and, ere long, Brazil would have been compelled to relinquish her exclusive position.

Yet, the remaining inducements are sufficiently great to attract the eye of the world, at a moment when capital and trade, alarmed in their ancient citadels, and languishing upon even our hitherto favored shores, are seeking new regions to beautify and conquer. The exploring expedition conducted under the eye of our Government, has keenly excited public curiosity, and but a glance at the Report of Mr. HERNDON is needed to convince any reader of the profuse fertility and luxuriance that distinguish the vast regions laved by the mightiest river on the globe.

Taking its source in Peru, at a short distance from the silver and quicksilver mines of Cerro Pyseo, the Amazon waters Peru, Bolivia and New-Granada with its branches; rolls majestically through the whole breadth of Brazil, and at length mingles its stream with the tides of the Atlantic, after a course of nearly 3,700 miles. The boundless forests that cover its banks with their virgin growth, are only here and there, at far intervals, cleared away around some wretched India mission, under the direction of Spanish priests and governors usually of Indian lineage. Population is scanty; cultivation next to nothing, and trade confined to a few articles, such as vanilla beans and sarsaparilla, which the soil produces without tillage, and which the Indians exchange for commodities of the merest necessity. Yet the Amazon is navigable nearly to its sources, and during certain seasons of the year is open that far up to vessels of considerable tonnage.

Pending the negotiations between Peru and Brazil, we published an article strongly urging the advantages of this great enterprise, and endeavoring to fix the attention of our far-seeing merchants upon this new field of promising adventure. Since then, the importance of the subject has been increasing every moment, and should our interests in the South American question be entrusted to able hands and sustained by the favor of our own people, as well as the active perseverance of Government, we may yet bestow upon the civilization, commerce and political progress of the world, benefits, beside the rivers of South America, even more precious than those for which we have unsealed, in their behalf, the mountains of California and the Islands of Japan.

The New City Hall.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the question of the New City Hall will come before the Board of Aldermen again; the Committee to whom it was recommitted on Monday night last having reported back substantially the same recommendations, on Friday night. This whole subject is one of too much interest and importance to be allowed to slide through without observation. The people are pretty well awake now, and we do not doubt that a worthy and creditable building will be erected when the time comes. The plan for the quadrangular construction, which we have repeatedly commended as the best yet shown, will be on exhibition to-day at the Law Institute. If there is a better one, we hope it will be brought on. This is a people's, not a Committee's job.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Campbell—Congressional Debates—The Emigrant Bill—Public Printing, &c.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1854.

Mr. STEPHENS, of Georgia, addressed the House to-day in defence of the Nebraska-Kansas bill, but chiefly in answer to the speech made yesterday by Mr. MACE. As usual, he was listened to with deep interest. There is, in the whole House, no man whose looks promise so little; and yet there are few who are gifted with powers of declamation half so attractive as is Mr. S. His speech of to-day was delivered in his best style; and until it was answered, it certainly exerted a decided influence over the mass of those who heard it.

Mr. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, followed, and answered the gentleman from Georgia most triumphantly, as is acknowledged by men of all parties. The great secret of Mr. STEPHENS' power is his ability to impress his auditors with the conviction of his honest earnestness in the avowal of his sentiments, and his own bold confidence in the arguments he presents. Mr. CAMPBELL, to-day, dislodged him completely from this stronghold, by showing his inconsistency. For awhile the member from Georgia annoyed him with frequent interruptions, by way of answers to the charges of inconsistency. But finally Mr. CAMPBELL read from a former speech of Mr. STEPHENS himself, in which the latter clearly, explicitly and unequivocally declared views in relation to the power of Congress over the territories precisely the reverse of those he to-day enunciated. Mr. STEPHENS called for the record of debates; and it was handed him. He pored over the fatal page, read over and over again his old speech, that came now like a horrid goblin to torment him. But there were his own words. There could be no mistaking them; nor could there be any consistent reconciliation between the sentiments of to-day and the sentiments uttered years ago. He was fastened to his seat. The blow was one from which even *his great mental energies could not recover him.*

Mr. CAMPBELL followed up his advantage by asking what was the opinion of the gentleman from Georgia on the Constitutional power of Congress over the territories; but his tongue seemed palsied, and no response came from him. Mr. CAMPBELL never acquitted himself so well as to-day; and he has occasion to be proud of his triumph—for that he was triumphant, both friends and foes, from North and South, freely admit.

The Secretary of the Treasury, after conference with Mr. GUIDEN on the subject to which I referred in my last, has decided that only two suits shall be brought to settle the questions arising under the reclamation of moneys paid in error for Custom-House landing permits. One of these suits, to test the *liability* of Government in the premises, has all ready been commenced; and, as the Government are desirous of postponing the trial until the Spring Term of the Court, the Secretary has entered into an agreement that the Statute of Limitations shall not operate as a bar to any cases where the alleged illegal charges were made within six years prior to the 13th inst.

The opposition of Shipping Merchants to the bill reported last session, for the better preservation of life and health on board of Emigrant ships, has narrowed itself down to three points of objection. The first of these applies to the clause prohibiting the carrying of more than two passengers to every five tons register. It appears that our system of measurement is the old English system, and essentially different from the systems now in vogue in the Old World—our ton being much smaller than the foreign—so that a vessel which with us would register only 1,500 tons, would be registered abroad at something near 2,000 tons. Under these circumstances the clause complained of clearly discriminates against the American ship, and in favor of the foreign. The remedy, however, is very simple,—it is only necessary to provide a uniform rule of measurement for vessels of all nations.

The second objection is, to the summary proceeding by which the emigrant, under the proposed bill, is enabled to obtain damages for any failure on the part of the ship to furnish him with the proper quantity and quality of food on the passage. It is urged that the emigrants will get into the hands of the "Tombs sharks," under whose influence innumerable unjustifiable and vexatious suits will be brought. If the ship-owners ask swagger a clause granting against the abuse of this remedy, at the same time that it saves the remedy itself, there can be no doubt of its being adopted; but I do not apprehend that the Senate will yield more on this point.

The greatest of all the objections to the bill, is to that clause which provides the forfeiture of the passage money of those who die on the voyage. I have no idea that any compromise on this point can be effected. This is justly looked upon as the most valuable feature of the measure, because it makes it the interest of the shipper to bring his cargo of human freight safe into port, while the present system offers a premium in favor of the death of the passengers, whose passage money is already prepaid, and the cost of whose support upon the passage is saved to the ship, from the day of his death.

Hon. Senator FESS feels a deep interest in this measure, and will exert his powerful influence to insure its early consideration and its success.

It has been stated that Judge NICHOLSON, of the *Union*, recently applied to Mr. GUTHRIE for the payment of $15,000 to him as Public Printer, under an order of the last Congress increasing the compensation of all public employes in the Legislative Department of the Government twenty per cent.! This is true; but it is not true that the Attorney General has given any formal opinion of the legality of the claim thus set up. Mr. GUTHRIE very properly expressed his conviction that Congress did not intend to include the Public Printer in the increase of compensation, and, therefore, declined to fork over. He, however, very politely expressed his entire readiness to pay up, if Congress, at its present session, should say it had *intended* to give the "extra" to the Printer. Judge NICHOLSON will hardly go before Congress with any such plea. His application was clearly an afterthought. He knows, as everybody else knows, that the proposition to include him in the allowance of the twenty per cent. extra would have been hooted out of Congress. Whether, under these circumstances, it was candid and honorable to present any such claim, your readers can judge as well as I. Say what you will against Mr. GUTHRIE, his *integrity* is above all price, either pecuniary, social or partisan.

It is true that the Russian Minister has made some representations to our Government relative to our admission into the port of San Francisco of vessels of the Allies, with a Russian prize. Russia does not remonstrate against this. She recognizes, fully, our right to grant asylum; and she simply desires to know what is to be our policy in that respect. The answer she has received, or will receive, is, that a peaceful asylum is open in all our ports to vessels of either and all of the belligerent powers. S.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Condition and Prospects of Business—Miscellaneous News.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Nov. 23, 1854.

By the Nicaragua steamer *Uncle Sam*, which leaves here to-morrow morning, I drop you a few items of "goings-on" and "doings" in this gay city of the *extreme* West. Business being the most important matter, comes first on the tapis. You will see by the papers that there has been something of a revival in that way, and merchants are beginning to take a reef in their hitherto very long faces, and something like a smile has occasionally been visible in Front and Battery-streets; but we must not begin to "holler" too soon, for a "relapse" may take place. It is true there has been an improvement in prices, and the demand for goods for a month past has been greater than at any time heretofore for eighteen months, but there are reasons for it; in the first place the approach of the rainy season renders it necessary that supplies for the mining districts for the Winter should be laid in before the roads becomes impassable for teams; secondly, the low rate of freight in the river steamers is an inducement to up-river merchants to buy and ship all they can—opposition having run so strong as to induce the "combination" to come down to half price, when the outside boats at once reduced it to $1 per ton—cheap enough.

Real estate is not yet "looking up," and probably will not for some time to come, as merchants have almost unanimously refused to accede to the enormous rents demanded by owners of real estate in the business part of the city. The commercial community are here, as well as elsewhere, the moving and regulating power; and it is all nonsense for landlords to expect or strive to realize a rent equivalent to 3 per cent. per month on the valuation of property the *previous year*, which is almost fabulous, and certainly fictitious. In the first place, the very small profits realized on sales of all kinds of property and merchandise the past eighteen months, and at the present time, does not admit of the extravagant rents heretofore asked, and are even yet demanded where there is any chance of getting them; but it has become now not so much a question of what shall we *ask* as what can we *get*.

The truth is, the city is too large for the population of the State, and is ten years in advance of any reasonable prosperity consistent with its years, dating its awakening from the discovery of gold. The population of the State is estimated, and is shown by the census of 1853 to be two hundred and sixty-five thousand. At least 150,000 are residing in San Francisco, Sacramento, Marysville, Stockton, &c., and employed on steamboats and the waters of the Bay, and not engaged in the production of gold—leaving, at a liberal calculation, not over 100,000 laborers in the mines, who do not average over $8 per diem, which at $2 per day per man for his subsistence, and a like estimate for the odd man and a half not laboring in the mines and who expect to live off the miners' labor, absorbs $5 of his earnings. Deduct from that again his remittances home for the support of his family, and the product is painfully small. Yet on this depend all *who are not mining for their "California fortune,"* and out of which must be paid the cost of the splendid granite and brick blocks going up or already finished, the owners of which base all their calculations on an interest of 3 per cent. per month in rents. The cost of the labor, improvements, &c., at present going on, will not fall short of $30,000 per day. No great amount to expend in a City like New-York, but something for "a four year older," that has been burned up and "nowhere" three times, all of which goes to prove that we are getting ahead of the times. California is a great country, and will perform all she promises, but give her time and don't crowd her too fast. And, *en passant*, I would remark, that if the "wise men of the East" are not dead, (who have hitherto proved that all the fools certainly are not,) they need not flatter themselves that now is the time to make up for previous losses in the California trade. If past experience has not given them sense at the expense of their *dollars*, they have only to resume shipments hitherward to acquire wisdom at an extravagant rate of tuition, for the moment they commence that system of overstocking our market again, merchandise will take a dive as deep and far down, that long before it comes to the surface again, the shippers will have discovered that there "is no bottom to a California market;—better attend to their legitimate business at home and let California people" come to them, and purchase the same goods as they want them. Then, every man who becomes a customer may be able to show that he is sound, and able to pay. Eastern people cry out against Californians, and apply some very uncomplimentary epithets to them, all because they did not realize a hundred and fifty per cent. profit on their shipments—for every third man in New-York and Boston has had a little "dab" at the California trade, shipping all sorts of articles, from a steam engine to a toothpick. When they made a profit, it was all right; when they did not, the people here were rascals and the country favorable for an extension of his Satanic majesty's domains, if he wants more room, and I presume he will, to "store" the many [illegible] California shippers who have [illegible] They call [illegible] calling us *fools*, will stay [illegible] get a correct view of things and [illegible] talking about.

The steam frigates *Shawnee* and *Mississippi* are at present here, at anchor [illegible] every American is proud of them. The *Shawnee* has been thoroughly overhauled and looks splendidly. The all-iron fleet passed in and anchored in harbor, after having completed their repairs for damages received in their unsuccessful attack on Petropaulovski, the Russian settlement up the coast. They have boasted of the damage they effected and affect to consider themselves victors, but the community don't [illegible] po-lowsheen?" A few days since, they [illegible] that there have been united in a demonstration of joy at the capture of Sebastopol. The shipping dressed off with flags and colors, [illegible] great noise made generally. The arrival of the bark had with the news that "they hadn't quite" did it, caused much [illegible] rejoicing, for California is decidedly Russian in its feelings; and, in addition, a deep former prejudice, the Naval gents who figure around town, in French and English uniforms, are known as "Peter-polly-si-bante-phone"—the latter word being a vile pun on the Spanish *si*, meaning yes, and bante "stop."

It was rumored the Sitka Ice Company's ship, the *Zoodiac*, would fire a salute in honor of the non-capture of Sebastopol, and that the English Consul threatened to complain of them for firing guns within the city limits; but the ship fired the salute, and the Company are prepared to pay the fine when called for. Of course, the French and English residents are in a towering passion. The Johnny Bulls are looking very red in the face. We are shivering in our "high-lows."

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR ... MONDAY.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79.

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SUPREME COURT—Special Term—Nos. 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149.

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COMMON PLEAS—Nos. 1066, 976, 985, 989, 1124, 1168, 1184, 1189, 1210, 1240, 1279, 1280, 1283, 1287, 1288.

SUPERIOR COURT—Nos. [illegible]

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Dec. 15.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN ADMIRALTY.

Judge Betts has rendered decisions in the following cases heard before him in November last:

PASSENGER ACT OF 1855—SIXTH PRESERVERS—STRAIN-WEAR.

The United States vs. *The Steamboat Catherine.*—This is a suit to run under the act of Congress of Aug. 30, 1854, amending the act to provide for the better security of the Lives of passengers on board of steam vessels. It is brought to recover a penalty of $100 against the vessel, for being navigated in the harbor with passengers on board, without being provided with a good life preserver for every passenger, as provided by the act. The act does not extend to vessels which are not vessels carrying passengers, shall be navigated with passengers on board, without complying with the terms of this act, the owners thereof and the vessel itself shall be subject to the penalty of $500.

Sec. 4 directs that every (steam) vessel carrying passengers shall be provided with a good life preserver for every passenger.

Sec. 12 provides that "the act shall not apply to ferry-boats, tug-boats, or steamers not exceeding 50 tons burden, and used in whole or in part for navigating canals."

The Catherine is a steam tug of 65 tons burden employed in the business of towage and lighterage in this port. On Saturday, September, 1854, she was employed to carry a lading of emigrants' baggage from an emigrant ship lying at the foot of James-street, East River, to the pier of the Erie Railroad Company, at Duane-street, North River. There was no undertaking to carry the passengers, it being ascertained that they were to go across the City, but when the baggage was taken on board the tug, several of the emigrants jumped on board of her and persisted in continuing there against the remonstrances and efforts of her master and crew, and did remain on board the tug on her voyage to Duane-st.

Held by the Court—That the universality of the exclusion in relation to steam vessels in this statute is withdrawn as to steamers used as ferry-boats, tug-boats, and canal-boats, in part.

That it is manifest that Congress contemplated all of these as carrying passengers when used in their proper business.

That the language of the statute is not to be narrowed to the particular act doing by the tug-boat when she has passengers on board. It is to be regarded as looking to the character of the boat and the services to which she is devoted for her employment.

That the Catherine being a tug-boat, and not charged with having deserted from that general business on occasion from that character, it is exceedingly doubtful if she would be amenable to the penalty sought to be imposed upon her had she voluntarily and for hire taken the passengers on board. But the involuntary and constrained transportation of the individuals who jumped on board and would not leave her deck, from one side of the City to another, does not bring her within the penalty of the act.

Decree that the libel be dismissed and the boat discharged.

For the United States, Mr. Joachimsen. For the claimants, Mr. W. G. Morton and Mr. Bliss.

SEAMEN—DISCHARGE OF A STIPULATOR.

Hermon P. Livingston vs. *The Steamship Jessica.*—*John A. Lockwood* vs. *The same.*—These were motions on behalf of a stipulator, to be discharged from his undertakings. The vessel was arrested on process of attachment in each suit, and thereupon Mr. Sands, the petitioner, entered into stipulations in each case for costs, and also to satisfy the final decree, and the vessel was accordingly discharged from arrest in the cause.

On the next day, August 10, the vessel was again attached under process issued in behalf of seamen. She remained in custody under that process and numerous others issued in behalf of material men, until she was sold by consent of all parties, (since these motions,) and the proceeds brought into Court, the rights of all parties to remain unaffected by such sale. The stipulator now moves to be exonerated from his undertakings, and that the stipulations be vacated by order of the Court.

Held by the Court—That, though a stipulation be required to the full decree be given on the discharge of property from arrest, still the rule is not regarded as discharged from the jurisdiction of the Court, so as not to be enforceable on the same process, if the equities and rights of the parties demand it. And accordingly, the Court will order additional security to the stipulation, or restore the property to satisfy the lien upon it, upon proof that the libelant is like to be prejudiced by leaving it on the bail substituted in its place.

But there is not equal equity in favor of the stipulator, to authorize his discharge from his undertaking on restoring the property to the custody of the Court. And it is clear, upon the principles of the Admiralty practice, that the stipulator cannot do this at his option (Ware 268), but it is done by order of the Court, upon proof of the instance of the stipulator and for his relief. He is regarded as voluntarily having made a conventional undertaking with the libelant, which, in the ordinary course of an Admiralty action, constrains him, from its connection to its completion.

That another element of equity has been mingled with this case by the retrocession of the property; that the object for which the stipulations were given—viz., that of allowing the ship to be employed in her appropriate business—was frustrated by the act of the law, in no way promoted or countenanced by the stipulators; that the claimant was compelled by act of Court to sell the property, and that deprivation was so nearly complete that with the discharge itself, as equitably to operate as a revocation of it, particularly in respect to a mere survey.

That, if the stipulators, immediately upon the seizure of the vessel on August 10, had, upon that fact, applied to the Court to rescind his stipulation, the application must have been granted, from the manifest justice of not fastening on him an entry as an obligation, when the purpose for which it was entered into had been interrupted and defeated by act of law, and when no legal or equitable right of the libelants against the vessel would be changed or diminished by such discharge.

That to those rights and equities remained in the Court, when the stipulators were prepared to discharge the vessel, not from the bail claim to relief because he neglected to do it at the earliest day.

The order therefore is, that the petitioner be exonerated from paying the costs of this application.

For the Appellants, Mr. Betts and Mr. Burrill.

REGISTERED NO REPORT—RULE OF DAMAGES IN COLLISION—NEW FOR OLD—COSTS.

Notice Pickens vs. *Robert Field.*—This case came up on exceptions to the Commissioner's report. The libel was filed by the owner of an Italian brig to recover the damages sustained by the breaking of two of her yards by a collision with the respondent's lighter. On the trial the Court held that the lighter was in fault, and the case was referred to a Commissioner to ascertain the damages. The Commissioner reported the loss of $70, being the price paid for two new yards to replace the broken ones. To this report exceptions were taken, claiming that the broken yards were proved to be nearly valueless, and the libelant was only entitled to recover the damages he had actually sustained, and not the price of the new spars.

Held by the Court—That a party injured by a collision is entitled to have his vessel restored to as good a condition as she was before the injury, and that he should receive from the last donor to secure that indemnity. If in doing so old and worn materials are replaced by new, the case contributing the wrong can have no allowance or credit for the betterment.

That the respondent is not entitled, therefore, to enter into the question of higher value of the spars which replaced those that were broken.

The report having been confirmed upon the merits with respect to the libelant, it must be accompanied with the ordinary consequence of costs.

Exceptions overruled and decree for libellant.

For libelant—Mr. W. G. Morton and Mr. Haskett.

For respondent—Messrs. Beardsley, Scoville and Benedict.

PASSENGER ACT OF 1855—INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATE.

The United States vs. *The Steamboat Montezuma.*—This is a libel in rem to recover a penalty of $300, "because the steamer was used and employed in the transportation of passengers, and did carry passengers on the navigable waters of the United States, not having a certificate of inspection of approval, as required by the act of Congress of Aug. 30, 1852." To this libel the owners of the boat demurred.

Held by the Court—That the pleading is plainly defective in form, in not alleging the cause supposed to exist, why the boat came under the Inspectors, the owner of the boat, and certainly in dispensing the requirements of law, and not the performance in which it was wanted.

That the only section of the act requiring a steamer to carry on board a "certificate of approval by inspectors," provides that, when the Collector shall receive the certificate of the vessel, one of which shall be kept on all times, "and if any person shall introduce into any vessel any passengers on board any such steamer, without such certificate of approval, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay $100, to be recovered by action of debt."

That the statute does not contemplate cases in this Court, where the proceeding is not in personam, but against the property, and that only a penalty of $100 can be recovered for the offence charged in this case.

Demurrer sustained. For the United States, Mr. Hamilton.

REVENUE LAWS—CONCEALMENT.

The United States vs. *Thirteen Bundles, Two Trunks and one package.*—Decree, March 4, 1854, for the libelant, under section 42 of the act of March 2, 1799, forfeiture of the goods seized by the Collector, concealed on board the vessel Jupiter, on arrival from a passenger vessel from Bremen. She brought no manifest. The claimants were passengers, and if great concealment of the articles was did mention upon and examination, but there were some cottons, worsted goods, yarns, &c., among them.

Held by the Court—That the fact that the goods were not upon the ship's manifest, which was urged as a strong point against the claimants, need not be considered, for it is not made a ground of confiscation in the libel, nor does the act require a penalty upon the importer for not bearing the goods on the manifest.

That upon the evidence the allegation of concealment is not made out, the proof being that the baggage was opened openly and in the same manner with that of other passengers.

Libel therefore dismissed, and ordered that the goods be delivered to the claimants after payment of the duties assessed upon them.

For the United States, Mr. Joachimsen; for claimants, Mr. McCulloch.

COLLISION.

Henry Fitzhugh et al. vs. *the Steamboat Commerce.*—This suit was brought to recover the damages sustained to the libelants, the owners of the barge *Isabella*, which was sunk by a collision with the *Commerce*, in the evening of Aug. 29, 1853, in the Hudson River, near Castleton. The damages were laid at $17,000. The opinion of Judge Davies is as follows:

This suit is before the Court upon a mass of very minute and extended testimony, and by no means wholly reconcilable as to some facts vital to the determination of the rights of the parties.

The pleads were taken in open Court in February Term, 1854, but, the argument upon the evidence has been delayed by the parties to this period (October.)

In my judgment the case turns entirely upon the fact whether the collision, which is the subject of consideration, arose from the fault or negligence of the steamboat *Commerce*, in turning her course abruptly off to her board, or was owing to the omission of the libelant's canal boat *Isabella*, to port keeping in the wake of the steamer *Bulland*, which had her in tow, and from which she was distant, in the year, from 150 to 200 yards. The occurrence was in the night time, in a narrow point of navigation, upon the North River, near Castleton, and about ten miles below Albany.

The cause has been ably and carefully discussed, in all its bearings, by the counsel of the respective parties, and every criticism upon the proofs, calculated to put against them in their fine bearings and effects, has been applied to them. After a careful reperusal of the testimony, and study of the arguments, I think the weight of evidence is that the *Commerce* did no wrongful act, tending to the injury inflicted, and that the towed and injured boat (the *Isabella*) was out of her place at the time, and in the track the *Commerce* was entitled to pursue, and that no warning or caution was given the *Commerce* which fastens upon her a liability for the loss sustained by the libelants.

No principle of law applicable to controversy in the case determining the rights of either party, and it does not appear to me necessary to set out in extenso a collation and review of the testimony of different witnesses to the facts, or the reasons influencing the Court to adopt the one representation in preference to that of another.

I shall accordingly dispose of the cause without a labored exhibition of the process by which my mind has been brought to the conclusion adopted.

The libel must be dismissed with costs.

For libelants, Messrs. Kirkland and Birdseye; for claimants, Messrs. Benedict, Scoville and Benedict.

RESPONSIBILITY OF STEAMTUGS.

William D. Whitehead vs. *The steamboat Tempest.*—This libel is filed to recover for damages occasioned to the schooner *Eclipse*, owned by the libelant, by striking on a rock in the East River nearly opposite Tenth-street, while being towed by the steamboat. The steamboat was hired to tow the schooner for $10, and while towing her alongside the tug passed over a sunken reef without touching, but the schooner rubbed in going over and had her keel torn off.

Held by the Court—That the tug under the mode of hiring and employment did not become responsible for the safe transportation of the schooner over the route. Her undertaking charged her with no more than the exercise of ordinary care and skill in directing the movements of the two vessels.

That it is not proved that the ordinary depth of water at that time of tide was not such as to afford a probably safe passage for the schooner. The evidence is in conjecture whether the master of the schooner gave her draught of water to the master of the tug, and the libelant cannot take advantage of that particular as an affirmative fact tending to prove negligence.

That on the whole case the Court is of opinion that the libelant has not proved that the accident happened to the schooner through the want of ordinary care and skill on the part of the tug. Libel dismissed.

For libelants, Messrs. Platt, Gerard and Buckley; for claimants, Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Doherty.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

REVOLT IN A FOREIGN PORT.

Thomas Harrington, Richard McCready, Edward Robinson, and John Ruby, were arrested for making a revolt on board the American ship *Red Rover*, while in the harbor of Callao. The accused were committed for examination.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Dec. 16.

Before Hon. Justice Roosevelt.

Buared vs. *Lynch.*—Demurrer overruled, with liberty to answer in twenty days on payment of costs.

Elizabeth Hill vs. *Hill.*—Bill was dismissed with costs.

Detterius vs. *Grotz.*—Demurrer overruled, with liberty to answer in twenty days without costs, and to insist on objections in their answer.

Sackett's Harbor Bank vs. *Lewis County Bank.*—Judgment and execution set aside without costs.

SUPERIOR COURT—GENERAL TERM—Dec. 16.

Before the full Bench.

ARGUMENTS—PRACTICE.

Mann vs. *Lee.*—This cause came before the Court on an application for an allowance. The Code provides that in difficult or extraordinary cases, if a trial has been had, the allowance may be granted in certain actions.

In this action, which was to recover damages for a breach of contract in relation to a patent right, much evidence was put in, and the trial occupied quite a considerable time. After the defendant's counsel had commenced summing up, the counsel for the plaintiff asked to withdraw the complaint. The application was granted. The plaintiff now moves for an allowance, on the ground that no trial has been had. We think that there has unquestionably been a sufficient trial to bring the case within the section. An order for an allowance will, therefore, be granted.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY—PRACTICE.

Mason vs. *Whiteley.*—This is a motion to strike out a part of the amended complaint. The complaint, as it originally stood, was on a charge of assault and battery. Within the time allowed to amend, the plaintiff served this amended complaint, containing a second count for false imprisonment.

We have considered this matter, and see no reason why it should not be permitted. The counts might very properly have been united, and we see no reason in turning the plaintiff over to bring another action for the imprisonment—if, indeed, he could, after the determination of a suit for assault and battery arising out of the same transaction. We think, therefore, the amendment was well made, and the defendant may answer the complaint in the usual manner if he sees fit so to do.

PARTNERSHIP—TRUSTEES.

Cowley vs. *Rodcliffe.*—This is an application for an injunction against the defendant and for the appointment of a receiver. The complaint sets up that there was a partnership between certain of the parties of which the defendant was a partner. This partnership was dissolved by Radcliffe becoming the purchaser, and the assets and the entire stock of the partnership were by agreement assigned to him, he agreeing to apply all the assets to the payment of the company debts. He, as it is alleged, took the property and subsequently went into partnership with another party, and has since failed, and as is alleged is about to apply these assets in an improper manner. The question is, whether this is a proper case for the granting of an injunction. It is clear that Mr. Radcliffe became a trustee for all the creditors. A trustee cannot prefer creditors. He must pay pro rata. It is contended that he has not given up his claim as a partner. I think otherwise. An injunction will, therefore, be granted and a receiver appointed.

PRACTICE—ALLEGATIONS IN COMPLAINT.

George Coster and John E. Andrews vs. *The New-York and Erie Railroad Company and Drew.*—This case comes up on an appeal from an order made at Special Term striking out a portion of the complaint. The complaint is in substance this. The plaintiffs each own the one-tenth part of a certain steamboat called the *Francis Skiddy*, owning together two-tenths, and the other eight-tenths was owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt. Cornelius Vanderbilt made a contract with the New-York and Erie Railroad Company for running that boat in their employ from this City to Piermont, and were to pay $100 a day for the use of the boat and to pay that sum whether she was used or not. After she had been employed some time the Erie Railroad Company purchased of Vanderbilt his interest in the boat, and became the owners of the eight-tenths. The title, it is believed, is vested in Drew for the Company. The Company then laid up the boat and ceased to employ her, and she has been laid up ever since. The plaintiffs seek to recover their compensation, at the rate of $100 a day, being two-tenths of the sum, and also over that the boat has been deteriorated in consequence of being laid up in this way, and they claim damages for that.

In the final issue of the complaint, if it may be called a course, the plaintiffs rest their claim of action upon this contract, nearly as has been stated. In the second count, however, it is alleged to nothing for the contract, they add allegations of this kind: That the defendants bought this boat for the purpose of laying her up and for the purpose of carrying on some arrangements which the plaintiffs were about making with other steamboats, Vanderbilt, to regulate the price of fares, which they allege was done in bad faith towards the public, and to extort unreasonable fares; and they allege also that the Directors of the Company were made to defraud the plaintiffs out of the Erie Railroad Company. The Judge at Special Term striked all these allegations to be stricken out, as a matter foreign of the allegations, and as in not necessary to give the true gravamen for the action a nice examination, of the grounds. From this decision of the Judge the appeal is taken.

We cannot see, as the Judge could not at the time he made this order, what possible connection there is between the contract by the Erie Railroad Company with other Railroad Companies, and the claim of the plaintiff to be damaged by the entire stoppage of the boat, and the loss of the profits which would accrue to them from the employment of the boat, and the loss of the profits which would accrue to them from the employment of the boat, and the loss of the profits which would accrue to them from the employment

AUCTION SALES.

STEAMER AND TRADE AT AUCTION.—REGULAR SALE.—At 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, will be sold, for account of Insurance Companies, Underwriters and others, the following:

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BY H. LEEDS & CO.—THURSDAY, Dec. 21, at 10 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, will be sold, for the entire importation of the above well-known Importer, [illegible]

BY E. H. LEEDS & CO.—Superior Goods and Bonds every MONDAY and THURSDAY, at the Merchants' Exchange, [illegible]

BY E. H. LEEDS & CO.—THURSDAY, Dec. 21, at 10 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, will be sold, for account of the Boston Manufacturing Company, [illegible]

PARLOR, DINING-ROOM AND CHAMBER FURNITURE, ELEGANT ROSEWOOD PIANO-FORTE, &c.—THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, at No. 72 Sixth-st., by A. H. & W. WESTCOTT will sell [illegible]

Russell W. Westcott, Auctioneer.

PARLOR, DINING-ROOM AND CHAMBER FURNITURE, ELEGANT ROSEWOOD PIANO-FORTE, &c.—THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, at No. 72 Sixth-st., by A. H. & W. WESTCOTT will sell [illegible]

J. Colyer, Auctioneer.

SPLENDID FURNITURE, HIGH DECORATED CHINA WARE, ELEGANT FANCY ARTICLES, ROSEWOOD PIANO-FORTES, &c.—THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, by TUNIS MORRELL, at his spacious Salesroom, [illegible]

W. S. Millard, Auctioneer.

BY HOUGHTON & MELLOR.—TO-MORROW (Tuesday), at 10 o'clock, at No. 113 Nassau-st., large sale of diamonds, gold watches, &c.—among the watches several fine second-hand English make; also, a large assortment of [illegible]

John L. Vandewater, Auctioneer.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—VANDEWATER & HITCHCOCK will sell at auction at their Salesroom, Nos. 39 Fine-st., on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Dec. 20, 21, 22 and 23, at 10½ o'clock each day, a splendid assortment of Cut-ware, house-[illegible]

W. A. Carter, Auctioneer.

GROCERIES, WHISKY, BRANDY, CIGARS, FRUITS, CURRANTS.—TUESDAY, Dec. 19, sugars, lemon-syrup, rice, teas, coffee, raisins, prunes, almonds, pickles, soap, tallow and sperm candles, olive oil, toys, knives, Brim goddess, clarets, table cordials, sundries, [illegible]

AT THE NEW-YORK HORSE BAZAAR—No. 1 Courtlandt-st., will be sold on MONDAY, Dec. 18, Twenty Horses, suitable for all purposes. Also, new and second-hand Wagons, Harness, Saddles, Bridles, &c. Sale commencing at 12 o'clock.

JOHN H. GATTFIELD, Proprietor.

FARO PLAYING CARDS.

FARO PLAYING CARDS.—Very old and well-seasoned, with all the various other qualities of times and various styles, made by SAM HART & CO. For sale to the trade and club houses at their store, No. 1 Barclay-st., opposite the Astor House.

COAL.

COAL! COAL!—A fine article at Less Cost than retail in Liverpool. For family use, and also for blacksmiths' use, for sale low. Also Red Ash and White Ash Coal at the lowest rates. Apply to LEEDS & POTTER, No. 288 6th-st., between 24th and 25th-sts.

COAL.—J. L. WORTH, Coal Dealer.—Yard, corner of 9th and Twenty-first. Down-town office, No. 66 Wall-st., second story, in the rear.

CHESTER-OAK GRAPES.—These Grapes grow on a vine within the size of an inch and a half in diameter, [illegible]

FINANCIAL.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—THE NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY in the City of New-York, will, on the 5th day of January, offer for the purchase of $4,000,000 of the bonds of the Company, [illegible]

[illegible]

FOR EUROPE.

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FOR CALIFORNIA.

NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA STEAMSHIP LINE, VIA NICARAGUA.—Accessory Transit Company's [illegible]

FOR THE SOUTH.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-ORLEANS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.—The splendid steamship CAHAWBA, Capt. [illegible]

RAILROADS.

CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS.—New and only direct Through Passenger Line, via Cairo and Missouri Central Railroad. [illegible]

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD.—WINTER ARRANGEMENT.—AMERICAN LAKE SHORE LINE.—For TOLEDO, CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND, ST. LOUIS, GALENA, DUBUQUE, MILWAUKEE, SHEBOYGAN, [illegible]

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—NEW-YORK, SOMERVILLE, EASTON, [illegible]

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 20, and until further notice, Passenger Trains will leave Piermont as follows, viz.: Half-Mile Express at 1 A. M. Express Mail at 3 A. M. Day Express at 8 A. M. for Dunkirk. Mail, at 8.15 A. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo and intermediate stations. Rockland Passenger at 3.30 P. M., (from foot of Chambers-st.) via Piermont, for Suffern, and intermediate stations. Way Passenger at 4 P. M., for Otisville and intermediate stations. Night Express at 6 P. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo. Emigrant at 6 P. M. for Dunkirk and Buffalo, and intermediate stations. On Sunday, only one Express Train, at 5 P. M. These Express Trains connect at Hornellsville with the Lake Shore Railroad for Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukie, and Chicago, &c. D. C. McCALLUM, General Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 20, 1854, the Trains will leave Chambers-st. Station, as follows, viz.: Express Train, 2 A. M., connecting with Northern and Western Trains. Mail Train, 9 A. M. Through Way Train, 12 M. Express Train, 4.30 P. M. Accommodation Train, 5 P. M. For Poughkeepsie—Way Passenger Train, 1.15 A. M. Way Freight and Passenger Train, leave Albany, at 7 A. M. and 5.30 P. M. For Tarrytown, 1, and 3 P. M. The Tarrytown, Peekskill and Poughkeepsie Trains stop at all the Way Stations. Passengers taken at Chambers, Canal, Christopher, 14th and 33d-sts. SUNDAY TRAINS.—Leave at 8 A. M. from Canal-st., for Albany and Troy, and at 5 P. M. for all Way Stations.

OLIVER B. LEE, Vice-President.

TROY AND BOSTON RAILROAD.—The most expeditious and direct route through, due to stockbridge in one day. Leave Hudson River Depot, Chambers-st., at 4 P. M., arrive at Hudson at 1:30 A. M., Burlington, 4 A. M., Boston, 9 P. M., and at Montreal at 9 P. M., same day. By Way Train, at 12 M.—Arrive at Hudson at 9 o'clock, and Burlington at 11 the same evening; lodge and breakfast at Vt. Central Depot, Burlington, and Montreal at 9 A. M. Three leave at 4 and 5 P. M., will lodge at Troy; leave next morning at 4 o'clock, and arrive at Burlington, Montreal and Ogdensburg same day.

ISAAC V. BAKER, Superintendent.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA and the South and West, via Jersey City.—Mail and Express Line, leaves New-York at 9 and 6 A. M., and 4 P. M.; second class $2 25 to 10; 1st, $3 to 12. Mail and Express Line, leaves Philadelphia at 9 and 10 A. M., and 3 P. M.; second class $2 25 to 10; 1st, $3 to 12. Mail at all way stations. Through tickets sold to Cincinnati and the West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington at 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILROAD LINE.—Travelers for CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, KANSAS, and all points West and Southwest can obtain Through Tickets, and all information, at the R. R. Ticket Office, foot of Duane-st., or at the Office of the Company, No. 199 Broadway, corner Dey-st.

JOHN F. PORTER, General Agent, or L. T. DUNTON, Ticket Agent.

CAMDEN AND AMBOY RAILROAD TO PHILADELPHIA.—From Pier No. 1 North River. Two lines daily, at 6 A. M. and 3 P. M. Morning line at 6 A. M. by steamboat JOHN POTTER to Camden, thence by cars to way places and Camden; fare $2. Express line at 3 P. M., by JOHN POTTER to Amboy; thence direct to Camden by cars; through in five hours; fare, $2. Way Accommodation Line at 4 P. M.; fare, $1 50. Emigrant line at 4 P. M.; fare, $1 50. Emigrant line at 4 P. M.; fare, $1 50.

INSURANCE.

REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—OFFICE, No. 74 Wall-st.—The Company have this day [illegible]

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NEW-YORK SUPERIOR COURT.—WILLIAM BERRIER and GEORGE B. BERRIER, against LAWRENCE M. ATTAWAY.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not serv.)—To LAWRENCE M. ATTAWAY: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint on the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 4 Gold-st., in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars, with interest from the 6th day of April, 1854, besides the costs of this action.—Dated New-York, Oct. 3, 1854.

BENEDICT, BOARDMAN & HUNTINGTON, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

N. B.—The complaint in the above action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, on the 3d day of Oct., 1854.

BENEDICT, BOARDMAN & HUNTINGTON, 24-1awfw$2 Plaintiff's Attorneys.

SUPREME COURT.—County of New-York.—JAMES A. POTTER against THOMAS McHENRY.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not ser.)—To the Defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 49 Chambers-st., in said City, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will take judgment for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, with interest from the 25th day of Sept., 1854, for the costs of this action.—Dated Oct. 2, 1854.

SAMUEL C. GEROW, Plaintiff's Attorney.

And the aforesaid complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, on the 25th day of Nov., A. D., 1854.

SAMUEL C. GEROW, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 20 Chambers-st., New-York. 8Tu-1awfwM

SUPREME COURT.—City and County of New-York.—P. MARTIN and CARRIER, against HENRY ARNOLD.—Summons for money demand on contract.—(Com. not served.)—To HENRY ARNOLD: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which will be filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at their office, No. 212 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of ten thousand dollars, with interest from the 1st day of November, 1854, besides the costs of this action.—Dated New-York, 12, 1854.

BARRETT & BRINSMADE, Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

N. B.—The complaint in the above action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York on the 1st day of Dec., 1854. BARRETT & BRINSMADE, 24-1awfwM Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against RICHARD DEMAREST, late of the City of New-York, Stair Builder, deceased, to exhibit the same with vouchers thereof to the subscribers at the house of Mrs. DEMAREST, No. 181 West 26th-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 16th day of February next.—Dated New-York, Aug. 12, 1854.

MARIA DEMAREST, Executrix. au14-1awfwM* JOHN B. MEYER, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against HENRY HICKS, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his residence in Washington-av., near Lafayette-av., in the city of Brooklyn, on or before the 16th day of Dec. next.—Dated June 9, 1854. CATHARINE SIREY, CHARLES SIREY, Executors. je19-1awfwM* ALEXANDER McCUE,

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against WILLIAM RAILEY, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of business, No. 4 Gold-st., in the City of New-York, within the 21st day of May next.—Dated Nov. 24, 1854. n27-1awfwM* PETER G. TAYLOR, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against FRANKLIN C. GRAY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of John Cook, Jr., No. 31 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 12th day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 8th day of Dec., 1854. JOHN COOK, Jr., Administrator. 6tl-1awfwM* MATILDA C. GRAY, Administratrix.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARY KERANNE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the residence of JOHN S. AUSTIN, in 104th-st., between 3d and 4th-avs., in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of March next.—Dated, New-York, Sept. 16, 1854. s18-1awfwM* ISAAC M. AUSTIN, Administrator.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against DANIEL FOX, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his store, No. 241 Fourth-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 8th day of March next.—Dated Sept. 2, 1854. RICHARD PATRICK, Executor. s4-1awfwM* RICHARD PATRICK, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JANE BONSOR, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their office, No. 78 Division-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of January next.—Dated New-York, July 22, 1854. jy24-1awfwM* SAMUEL HURLEY, JACOB MILES, Executors.

MACHINERY.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26, 1854.

J. STUART GWYNNE, Esq.—Your favor, requesting an account of the results of the steamboat Preston, came safe to hand, and we hasten to give you the following details of her last and subsequent recovery:

The Preston struck a large submerged rock on the Missouri River, 18 miles above Lexington, late last month, and filled in about 40 minutes, and sunk in about 10 feet water. She was somewhat listed, and one guard and part of her deck was just out of water, while the other guard had 3 or 4 feet of water over it. We sent one of our steam diving-bell boats (the Submarine, No. 2,) to the wreck, where she arrived on Sunday at dark. The next morning, while part of her crew were adjusting the suction hose (21 inches in diameter), our carpenters curbed off the hatches, and by 10 o'clock A. M. steam being up, we started the pump, and to less than five minutes had the satisfaction to see that the suction pipe took air, the water being only 7 or 8 inches deep on her lower timbers. The pump kept the water down until the carpenters succeeded in bull-heading or patchinging of the break in the hull; and before dark the Preston was easily floating. Steam was needed on her, and she was brought down to this city, where she has been docked. The pumping engine used on this occasion was one of your patent, called B No. 3, and sometimes of its power may be inferred from the fact, that we did not stop to break up all in her hull before we pumped the water out of her. The deck showed the damage to be the crushing in of her larboard knuckle for 20 feet. The planks were completely shattered for this distance, and about 20 inches in width, and every timber, butlock, and her knuckle broken in this space were broken in.

The tonnage of the Preston is about 150 tons. We estimate the discharge of the pump at about 500 bbls. of water per minute. The stream from it was ten inches deep, 24 inches wide, and ran at the rate of 16 miles per hour, as we ascertained by a light paddle-wheel made for the purpose.

Yours truly, (Signed,) RAUB & NELSON.

The "Gwynne Pumping Engine" may be seen in operation at the Iron Works, foot of Avenue Node Row, on the 2d.

Visitors are invited to call and see model at No. 13 Greenwich-street.

SOLID WROUGHT IRON BEAMS FOR FIRE-PROOF BUILDINGS, VAULTS, STORE FRONTS, ROOFS, &c.—The undersigned are now prepared to furnish these wrought iron Rolled Beams, cut to proper lengths, at a price which renders the use of them practicable to be erected for a very trifling advance on the cost of wooden ones. The public are invited to see one, the new building of Messrs. Harper & Brothers in Cliff-st., where they have been used. For further information apply to COOPER & HEWITT, No. 17 Burling-slip.

LAMPS, CAMPHENE, &c.

CHARLES FULLER, No. 80 GREENWICH-ST., Manufacturer and Dealer in LAMPS, CAMPHENE, BURNING FLUID, ALCOHOL, PHOSGENE GAS, and SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Office of the Receiver of Taxes, New-County-House.

TAXES OF 1854.—Notice is hereby given that one per cent. will be added on the list of Delinquents on all taxes unpaid at the date, and that a further addition of one per cent. will be made on the 15th day of December, on all taxes then unpaid. Notice is also hereby given, that on the 1st day of February next, interest will be added on all taxes then remaining unpaid, at the rate of [illegible] per annum, calculated from the 31st day of August, 1854.

HARVEY FANT, Receiver of Taxes.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIES of Beef, Pork, Bread, &c., for the Hospitals at Bellevue, Blackwell's, Ward's Island, and Marine Hospital, Staten Island, will be received by the Commissioners of Emigration, at their office, No. 79 Franklin-st., (where blank forms of proposals may be obtained,) reserving to themselves the right to reject such proposals as they may deem not for the interests of the Commission.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1854.

LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the OPENING OF EIGHTY-FIRST STREET, from the Avenue A to the East River, in the City of New-York.—We, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in and for the above entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owners or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows, to wit:

First.—That we have completed our Estimate and Assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to PATRICK KELLY, our Clerk, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 61 Chambers-st., in said City, within twenty days after the 2d day of December, 1854.

Second.—That any person or persons who may consider themselves aggrieved by said Estimate and Assessment, will be heard in opposition to the same, before us, at the office of JOHN A. WEEKS, No. 89 Wall-st., in said City, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the 16th day of December, 1854.

Third.—That the abstract of the said Estimate and Assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, or other papers, which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office of the City and County of New-York, there to remain until the 9th day of December, 1854.

Fourth.—That the limits embraced by the Assessment aforesaid are as follows: All those pieces of land situated in the 22d Ward, bounded, described and commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of 81st-st. with the westerly line of the Avenue A; thence northerly along the said Avenue A, to the southerly line of the Boulevard; thence westerly along the said Boulevard, to the easterly line of the Avenue B; thence southerly along the said Avenue B, to the northerly line of 81st-st.; thence easterly along the said 81st-st., to the place of beginning.

Fifth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the said City, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1855, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

PATRICK KELLY, MICHAEL A. REED, ANTHONY J. GALLAGHER, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, Nov. 16, 1854.

SUPREME COURT.—In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the OPENING OF EIGHTY-FIRST STREET, from the Avenue A to the East River, in the City of New-York.—We, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, in and for the above entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owners or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows, to wit:

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Fourth.—That the limits embraced by the Assessment aforesaid are as follows: All those pieces of land situated in the 22d Ward, bounded, described and commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of 81st-st. with the westerly line of the Avenue A; thence westerly along the said 81st-st., to the middle of the block on either side thereof.

Fifth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the said City, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1855, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

WILLIAM WORTH, ARTHUR T. HILL, HENRY C. MOORE, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, Oct. 11, 1854.

SUPREME COURT.—In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to THE OPENING OF SEVENTY-THIRD-STREET, from the Avenue A to the East River, City of New-York, we, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment herein, hereby give notice to the owners or persons interested or occupants of houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows, to wit:

First.—That we have completed our Estimate and Assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to PATRICK KELLY, our Clerk, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 61 Chambers-st., in said City, within twenty days after the 2d day of December, 1854.

Second.—That any person or persons who may consider themselves aggrieved by said Estimate and Assessment, will be heard in opposition to the same, before us, at the office of JOHN A. WEEKS, No. 89 Wall-st., in said City, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the 16th day of December, 1854.

Third.—That the abstract of the said Estimate and Assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, or other papers, which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office of the City and County of New-York, there to remain until the 9th day of December, 1854.

Fourth.—That the limits embraced by the Assessment aforesaid are as follows: All those pieces of land situated in the 22d Ward, bounded, described and commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of 81st-st. with the westerly line of the Avenue A; thence westerly along the said 81st-st., to the middle of the block on either side thereof.

Fifth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the said City, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1855, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

MOSES MAYNARD, Jr., JOHN A. WEEKS, JOHN C. MOORE, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1854.

SUPREME COURT.—In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the OPENING OF THIRD PART OF FIRST-AVENUE, from 81st-st. to Harlem River, in the 12th and 23d Wards of said City.—We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment herein, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows, to wit:

First.—That we have completed our Estimate and Assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to JONATHAN W. ALLEN, Jr., our Clerk, at the office of the Tax Commissioner, No. 2 Chambers-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 24 day of January, 1855.

Second.—That any person or persons who may consider themselves aggrieved by said Estimate and Assessment, will be heard in opposition to the same, before us, at our place, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the 10th day of February, 1855.

Third.—That the abstract of the said Estimate and Assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, or other papers, which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Tax Commissioner's Office of the City and County of New-York, there to remain until the 10th day of February, 1855.

Fourth.—That the limits embraced by the Assessment aforesaid are as follows: All those pieces of land situated in the said City, lying on either side of the Avenue A, and extending to the northerly line of 81st-st., and the centre line of the block between 81st and 82d-sts., and extending to the distance of about 100 feet on either side thereof. And, also, all those certain other pieces or parcels of land situated in the said City, lying on either side of the 1st-av., between the centre line of the block between 81st and 82d-sts., on the south, and the line of high-water mark in the Harlem River on the north, and extending to the distance of one half the block on either side thereof, excepting those pieces or parcels of land so lying on the easterly side of said avenue, outside the line of high-water mark.

Fifth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the said City, on Saturday, the 10th day of February, A. D. 1855, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

JONATHAN W. ALLEN, GEORGE H. PURDEE, WM. SINCLAIR, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, Nov. 24, 1854.

SUPREME COURT.—In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to THE OPENING AND LAYING OUT OF A PUBLIC SQUARE, KNOWN AS BLOOMINGDALE-SQUARE, in the XIth Ward of said City.—We, the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owners or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows, to wit:

First.—That we have completed our Estimate and Assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to WILLIAM WORTH, our Clerk, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 61 Chambers-st., in said City, within twenty days after the 2d day of December, 1854.

Second.—That any person or persons who may consider themselves aggrieved by said Estimate and Assessment, will be heard in opposition to the same, before us, at the office of JOHN A. WEEKS, No. 89 Wall-st., in said City, at 3 o'clock P. M., on the 16th day of December, 1854.

Third.—That the abstract of the said Estimate and Assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, or other papers, which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office of the City and County of New-York, there to remain until the 9th day of December, 1854.

Fourth.—That the limits embraced by the Assessment aforesaid are as follows: All those pieces of land situated in the 23d Ward, bounded, described and commencing at the intersection of the northerly line of 81st-st. with the westerly line of the Avenue A; thence westerly along the said 81st-st., to the middle of the block on either side thereof.

Fifth.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term thereof, to be held at the City Hall in the said City, on Saturday, the 27th day of January, A. D. 1855, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or so soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, a motion will be made that said report be confirmed.

MOSES MAYNARD, Jr., JOHN A. WEEKS, JOHN C. MOORE, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, Nov. 22, 1854.

SUPREME COURT.—In the matter of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the OPENING OF THAT PART OF FIRST-AVENUE, from 81st-st. to Harlem River, in the XIIth and XXIIId Wards of said City.—We, the undersigned, Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment herein, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, as follows, to wit:

First.—That we have completed our Estimate and Assessment, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to JONATHAN W. ALLEN, Jr., our Clerk, at the office of the Tax Commissioner, No. 2 Chambers-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 24 day of January, 1855.

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JONATHAN W. ALLEN, GEORGE H. PURDEE, WM. SINCLAIR, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, Nov. 24, 1854.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—JOHN F. SEYMOUR and ROBERT W. SEYMOUR against GEORGE OSWALD.—Summons for a money demand on contract.—(Com. not served.)—To GEORGE OSWALD: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City of New-York, at the City Hall in said City, on the 9th day of October, 1854, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber, at his place of business, No. 102 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of ten thousand dollars, with interest from the 1st day of November, 1854, besides the costs of this action.—Dated New-York, 12, 1854.

BARRETT & BRINSMADE, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

N. B.—The complaint in the above action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York on the 1st day of Dec., 1854. BARRETT & BRINSMADE, 24-1awfwM Plaintiff's Attorneys.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARY MAYNARD, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at the office of JOHN A. WEEKS, No. 89 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of March next.—Dated New-York, Sept. 16, 1854.

MOSES MAYNARD, Jr., JOHN A. WEEKS, JOHN C. MOORE, Executors. s18-1awfwM* JACOB MILES,

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against PATRICK H. MORRIS, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of business, No. 60 Gold-st., in the city of Brooklyn, on or before the 4th day of April next.—Dated Sept. 20, 1854. 4t-1awfwM* FREDERICK MORRIS, Administrator.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against WILLIAM SIREY, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at his residence in Washington-av., near Lafayette-av., in the city of Brooklyn, on or before the 16th day of Dec. next.—Dated June 9, 1854. CATHARINE SIREY, CHARLES SIREY, Executors. je19-1awfwM* ALEXANDER McCUE,

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against WILLIAM RAILEY, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber at his place of business, No. 4 Gold-st., in the City of New-York, within the 21st day of May next.—Dated Nov. 24, 1854. n27-1awfwM* PETER G. TAYLOR, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against FRANKLIN C. GRAY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof to the subscribers, at the office of John Cook, Jr., No. 31 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on or before the 12th day of June next.—Dated New-York, the 8th day of Dec., 1854. JOHN COOK, Jr., Administrator. 6tl-1awfwM* MATILDA C. GRAY, Administratrix.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against MARY KERANNE, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at the residence of JOHN S. AUSTIN, in 104th-st., between 3d and 4th-avs., in the City of New-York, on or before the 20th day of March next.—Dated, New-York, Sept. 16, 1854. s18-1awfwM* ISAAC M. AUSTIN, Administrator.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against DANIEL FOX, late of the city of Brooklyn, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his store, No. 241 Fourth-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 8th day of March next.—Dated Sept. 2, 1854. RICHARD PATRICK, Executor. s4-1awfwM* RICHARD PATRICK, Executor.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against JANE BONSOR, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their office, No. 78 Division-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of January next.—Dated New-York, July 22, 1854. jy24-1awfwM* SAMUEL HURLEY, JACOB MILES, Executors.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of the Surrogate of the County of New-York, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against THOMAS McHENRY, late of the City of New-York, deceased, to present the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at their office, No. 78 Division-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 25th day of January next.—Dated New-York, July 22, 1854. jy24-1awfwM* SAMUEL HURLEY, JACOB MILES, Executors.

IN PURSUANCE OF AN ORDER of JESSE C. SMITH, Esq., Surrogate of the County of Kings, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against HANNAH JENKINS, late of the City of New-York, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at his residence, No. 1 Gold-st., in the City of New-York, on or before the 24th day of Dec. next.—Dated June 9, 1854. WM. C. CALDWELL, Administrator. je12-1awfwM*

New-York Daily Times.

[Advertisements.]

DON GIOVANNI, OR THE SPECTRE OF HOSENBLUE, continues the performances of PERHAM'S Ethiopian Troupe this evening. This tangible Operatic Extravaganza, with all original music, new scenery, dresses, scenes and transformations, is bound to create a sensation in the world of amusement, and should be visited by all who can enjoy the blending of the sublime with ridiculous. The Railroad Galop, and sundry other attractions, will be found in the bill. LANE, the Champion Jig Dancer, and BOYD, on Bones, will come in for their share of praise.

[Advertisement.]

PHRENOLOGY.—Names and Definitions of the Organs—The Social Faculties: AMATIVENESS—Sexual love, fondness, attraction, etc. CONJUGAL LOVE—Union for life, the pairing instinct. PARENTAL LOVE—Care of children and all young. FRIENDSHIP—Sociality, union and clinging of friends. INHABITATIVENESS—Love of home and country. CONTINUITY—Application, finishing up, concentrativeness. VITATIVENESS—Clinging to life, repelling disease. Examinations, with written descriptions, by Prof. FOWLER, No. 308 Broadway.

[Advertisements.]

RICH FURS AND SLEIGH ROBES.—A large assortment of Furs from HARLEY's, No. 34 John-street, New-York, will be sold at auction at the Central Salesroom, Willoughby, corner of Pearl-street, Brooklyn, by JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer. To-morrow, Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 11 o'clock A. M., and in the evening.

[Advertisements.]

GAS FIXTURES!! GAS FIXTURES!!!—Of splendid design and finish, and twenty per cent. cheaper than any other house, wholesale and retail, at the manufactory of JAMES G. MOSES, Nos. 119 and 121 Prince-street, third block west of Broadway.

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MARRIED.

On Friday, Dec. 15, by Rev. A. H. Wright, Mr. THOMAS BIRD to Miss BRIDEY YORK.

On Tuesday, Dec. 12, by Rev. Mr. Sawyer, Dr. L. HOLLAND, of New-Orleans, and Miss HERRIET-ELIZA Lyon, daughter of the late Caleb Lyon, Esq., and niece of Hon. Caleb Lyon, M. C.

In Augusta, Ga., on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the First Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Dr. Dunson, ADRIAN C. IVES and AMANDA W. TREW, both of that city.

DIED.

In this City, on Saturday, Dec. 16, Mrs. MARGARET C. BOWEN, relict of Elisha J. Bowen, in the 77th year of her age.

The friends and those of the family, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, without further invitation, from her late residence, No. 26 Ludlow-st., at 1 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th inst. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

In this City, on Saturday evening, Dec. 12, after a long and severe illness, Mrs. DEBORAH ANN DEAN, wife of Silas Dean, aged 35 years, 9 months and 13 days.

The friends of the family, and her brothers-in-law, George and —— Dean, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 18, at 3 o'clock, and the funeral on Wednesday morning, at —o'clock, from her late residence, No. 102 Orchard-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood for interment.

☞ California papers please copy.

In this City, on Sunday evening, Dec. 17, at 7 o'clock, with Christian fortitude, Mrs. ELLEN SEXTON, widow of the late Michael Sexton, of inflammation of the lungs, in the 67th year of her age.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 4 10th-st.

In this City, on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 o'clock P. M., of dropsy of the chest, at the residence of Dr. Nelson Morse, No. 28 Ludlow-st., RICHARD THOMAS MULLIGAN, of the First Ward, aged 54 years and 4 months.

Due notice of the obsequies will be given to-morrow.

At Philadelphia, on Saturday, Dec. 16, Mr. CHAS B. PEDDIE, of Newark, N. J.

The friends and relatives are invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of his father, Mr. Agnes Peddie, Newark, N. J., on Tuesday, 19th inst., at 2 P. M.

In this City, on Friday, Dec. 15, of hydrocephalus, ELLA, youngest child of Gil. Sexton and Jeannette Searry, aged 2 years.

At West, Mass., on Thursday, Dec. 14, of lung fever, Mrs. ANNAPIS B. YALE, widow of the late Rev. Cyrus Yale, of New-Haven, Conn., aged 64 years.

At Boston, on Thursday, Dec. 14, SAMUEL BEALS, aged 75, of that city.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets See Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 18.

$2,000 Kentucky 6s	82	65	20 N. Y. Cen. R. R.	b30	89½
1,000 Ind. St. 5s, ext. p. & c.	90	127	do		89½
2,000 Virginia 6s	94	200	do		89½
3,000 do	c 90	50	do	b10	79
12,500 do	90	100	do		79
2,000 New Hampshire Bonds	94½	50	do		79
5,000 Erie R. R. 1st m.	97½	50	do		79
7,000 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds.	83	50	do	s60	79
24,000 do	83	18	Chi. & Rock Isl'd R. R.		74
2,000 do	83	100	Nor. & Wor. R. R.	b60	36
2,000 N. Y. Cen. R. R.	61	50	do	c	35
1,000 do	89	200	Erie Railroad	c	35
1,000 Pacific Ss. (24 in.)	74	100	do	c	35
20 Del. & Hud. Can. Co.	88	10	do		38
19 Metropolitan Bank	101½	150	do	c	36
1 Continental Bank	98	50	do	c	35
200 Canton Company	42	17½	50	do	b10 35
100 do	b60	17½	200	do	c 35
100 Nicar. Transit Co.	35	15½	100	do	b5 35
100 do	b30	15	100	do	c 35
100 do	35	15½	200	do	c 35
100 do	35	15	200	do	b10 35
100 do	b10	16	200	Hudson R. Railroad	s3 24
1000 do	b60	16	50	do	c 25
100 do	s30	16	400	Harlem Railroad	s3 20
100 do	s10	16	400	do	b60 25
100 Cumber. Coal Co.	s30	24½	450	Reading Railroad	c 63
100 do	c	25	50	do	s30 63
100 do	s	25½	50	do	b30 63½
100 do	b60	25	50	Cleve. & Toledo R. R.	58
50 Panama Railroad	71	100	do		b60 56

SECOND BOARD.

$2,000 Virginia 6s	89	100	Hudson Riv. R. R.	b30	31
1,000 Ill. 1st. Sup. C's	81	50	do	c	30
20 Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds.	83	15	Mich. South. R. R.	b15	60
2,000 do	c	83	200	Reading Railroad	63
50 Canton Company	s	17	50	Erie Railroad	36½
100 do		17½	50	do	35½
50 Cumberland Coal Co.	c	25	200	do	s3 35
100 Nicara. Trans. Co.	b30	15½	100	do	35
50 do	c	16	50	do	b30 35½
100 do	s	16½	100	N. Y. Central R. R.	s30 78½
16 Panama Railroad	71	100	do		s7 78½

MONDAY, Dec. 18—A. M.

The past week closed up without much relaxation in the demand and terms for Money, though it is a favorable sign to notice that much of the present activity in the wants of borrowers grows out of the export movement of produce, instead of specie, and the difficulty of negotiating Foreign bills even at low prices, instead of the urgent request for such bills and their scarcity at high prices. The difference is a very marked one, although the temporary inconvenience to factors and shippers may be quite uncomfortable for the moment. Before the French steamer sailed on Saturday, there was an anxious desire to place both French and English Exchange, and in some cases very low rates were made in order to realize the proceeds of the bills by this opportunity. The probability is, that before the next packet day, which is ten days off, there will be a large accumulation of Exchange, and will be quite active; absorbing nearly all the available money in the Foreign Banking houses, where it will remain, as one cause of continued close money. Another is the near approach to the closing engagements of the year, which scarcely ever fail, even in the best of times, to produce stringency during the holiday week and the week or two preceding. It is aggravated this season by the great unusual embarrassments of a year of disaster, both personal and material, of shipwreck to property, to health and to life. There appears to be a longing in the business mind for the day that shall blot the figures 1854 from the calendar of the present, and with a determination to enter upon the new year with better hopes for the future.

The Import of Foreign Merchandise for the week, including the Dry Goods table in our last paper, was $1,320,941, against $2,242,640 same week last year. The aggregate for the calendar year, amounts to $177,776,000, against $216,000,000 same time in 1853. The export of Specie for the week was only $41,000, against $1,420,000 the corresponding week of last December. The importance of this wide difference in the outward movement of the precious metals, coupled with the weekly, instead of semi-monthly arrivals from California cannot be too highly estimated. It is particularly opportune, while partial distrust is being indulged among the masses in bank paper and the Savings system, as insuring the ability of the City Banks and every well organized Savings Institution, like the Bank of Savings in Chambers-street, upon which a senseless, or insidiously prompted run is now making, not only to pay promptly, but to pay in double eagles, while this state of feeling continues. The total Specie export for the calendar year to the present date is $37,146,000, against $25,712,000 to same period in 1853. The regular Sub-Treasury balance on Saturday afternoon was $5,628,386, against $6,772,837 at the close of the previous week. Most of this large difference is believed to have passed through the Assay Office into the Banks, and partially from the Banks to the Savings Institutions and neighboring cities. The result to the Weekly Average, to be declared this afternoon, will probably amount to an accumulation of $400,000 to $600,000. The amount drawn by the one or two Savings Banks which have been more or less run upon for several days past, will be restored in the course of this week, by the sale to the Government of a portion of their United States Stocks. The proposals of the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase these Stocks at present high premiums expire on the 31st inst. We do not know that the Savings managers will have much cause, in the end, to regret the accidental emergency which is about to cause the conversion of these Stocks. It transfers so much gold, including a round premium on the Stocks, from the Government lock-up to the hands of their distrusting depositors, who in turn will soon tire of the trouble and risk of keeping the money about their persons and houses. The Chambers-street Bank has already forwarded $200,000 of their United States Certificates to Washington, and the Bowery will send $200,000 in a day or two. These two concerns united, hold about twelve million dollars in the most available securities. They cannot, of course, be broken by calls of $20,000 to $50,000 a day. The loss of the run is to the pure depositors, who locked up their interest since July. The gain will be to the Savings system, the strength of which, when properly conducted, as we have reason to know is the case in these instances, will be tested in the entire ease with which the present demand is met.

The fluctuations of the Stock Exchange through the week were upon the whole against the rise. A further advance was had on the Income Bonds of the Erie Railroad, owing to the near approach to the New Loan in exchange for which they will be used by the present buyers; as much as 96½ was paid on 60 days and 95 ⅌ cent. cash. Virginia State Bonds were also 1@¾ ⅌ cent. better for a few days, but the advance was lost on the closing sales. Erie Railroad shares ranged 36 down to 33¾; again up to 36½ and closed 35 cash, on Saturday afternoon. New-York Central shares were equally unsteady, 63½ to 78½ through the week, closing 78½ cash, and 78½ sellers 60 days. There was continued depression in Nicaragua Transit Stock until Saturday, when the rates partially rallied. The business in Illinois Central Bonds was large; the sellers rather pressing and prices down 1@1½ ⅌ cent. The week closed without much spirit at the Board.

The rates for Money, as during the previous week, were uniformly high on paper having over 60 days to run, say 12@15 for first class, and 15@18 ⅌ cent. on fair names. Lenders have been generally fortunate with their City paper, as the failures have been comparatively few among the heavy merchants. They are losers, however, by the recent break up in Boston. At call, there is a moderate amount of Money offered to the Stock houses, but on all time hypothecations, the terms are about the same, and in some instances dearer than on business paper, even when the Stocks pledged are of the most available market standing. The closing terms for foreign bills, on Saturday morning, took the wide range of 106@109½ on London, and 5.16½@5.25 on Paris. The rates on the North of Europe were also lower. Bremen offered as low as 77¾.

We regret to hear that the Government has just discharged a numerous labor force at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard. The Iron establishments in the City; the Ship-yards; the Carpet-mills, and other manufacturing establishments; and the up-town builders, are also reducing their force, at a peculiarly unfortunate season. It is much to be desired that the Navy Department at Washington should reconsider their orders. If it be possible to give employment in mid-Winter to the destitute laborers, many of whom have dependent families, the Government is rich enough to do it, without detriment to other interests. The City Corporation, too, would do well to hurry up their improvements on the City Hall; the Central Park, and other contemplated new work. It is next to impossible to renew or continue private enterprises. If there has not been too much building already—and all thus far without reducing rents to a living scale—the prospects of Real Estate are not such as to authorize additional contracts with money at 12 to 18 ⅌ cent. The same remark applies to the merchant marine and the private ship-yards. Should the Collins steamers be sold to the French Government—which could not be made a subject of complaint against the owners so long as our own rulers are indisposed to give the reliable assurances of encouragement—a new line of European steamers, less expensive in construction, but yet requiring the immediate and liberal employment of labor, would be wanted. There is little doubt that the Collins Company could have two and a quarter millions dollars for their three vessels abroad. The offer we know has been more than intimated.

MR. ALBERT H. NICOLAY's regular semi-weekly auction sale of Stocks and Bonds will take place to-day, at 12½ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

One of the popular commercial errors indulged in this country last year, on the declaration of the European War, was that the United States were to be benefited in the carrying trade of the world, during the struggle between the Western Powers of Europe and the Czar of Russia. This country had received such advantage in former wars, say from 1796 to 1807, though it can scarcely be said that the advantage was a substantial one or long enjoyed, as it was followed by embargoes at home, and non-intercourse acts abroad, and ultimately in the Embargo and Non-Intercourse acts of 1812-15. But the present instance is, that the Eastern Wars are not with nations of the great NAPOLEON. The belligerent Allies are commercial States to the core, and so are the common enemy in the North of Europe, the commerce of Great Britain and France is at once at war with Russia. It could scarcely be said that it would undoubtedly be more profitable in time of peace. No additional share of the carrying trade of the world therefore falls to the lot of the United States, on account of the war, while the reaction in trade, caused in some measure by the war, has reduced the amount of freight that has been employed in the carrying trade of the last year.

A table which accompanies the last report of the Secretary of the Treasury shows the progress of the business of exportation, or the shipment of Foreign Goods from the United States. No department of our trade statistics exhibits such marked irregularities from 1790 to the general peace of 1815, and since then its variations, though less sudden, have not been scaled either by the rule of comparative tonnage or population. In 1795, it had reached $8,489,000. In 1796, when England and Germany had become embroiled in the wars which grew out of the French Revolution and the advent of NAPOLEON as the leader of the French armies, it suddenly rose to $26,300,000. Followed

In 1797 by	$27,000,000	In 1800 by	$33,130,000
1798 by	29,000,000	1801 by	46,048,000
1799 by	45,576,000	1802 by	35,774,000

Then came the Treaty of Amiens, the effect of which was to reduce the figures in 1803 to $13,594,000. The wars were soon resumed, and the amount,

In 1804, was	$36,231,000	In 1808	60,262,000
In 1805	55,179,000	In 1807	59,643,000

Next came the effect of the embargo of Mr. JEFFERSON; the orders in Council in England, and the Berlin and Milan decrees of NAPOLEON, which reduced the sum in 1808 to $12,997,000; 1809, $20,797,000; 1810, 24,391,000; and 1811, $16,022,000. Following these was our own war of 1812-'15, pending which there was only, in 1812, $8,495,000 Foreign Goods reexported; in 1813, $9,847,000; in 1814, $145,000; and in 1815, $6,583,350. From 1816 to 1854, the annual sums have generally varied between $17,138,000 in 1816, and $24,850,000, rising a few millions above the maximum in 1833-35, and falling below the minimum in 1820-30, 1838, and 1842-47. The figures of 1816, after 37 years of general peace in Europe, were not increased half a million of dollars in 1853. During this period the registered and enrolled tonnage of the United States steadily increased from 1,298,000 tons 1821, (the first date in the official report,) to 4,407,000 in 1853.

It is to be regretted that a Press, so respectable and reliable as that of the NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES, should allow anonymous and irresponsible correspondents to use its columns to serve their private ends, and by insinuations or false statements to create an alarm and distrust calculated, if not intended, to bring Hartford and other Connecticut City Bonds upon the market, by a run upon the Banks, perchance to afford some broker another opportunity for a successful speculation upon this class of securities.—*Hartford Courant.*

The Hartford *Courant* will please understand that we have neither published Wall-street attacks on Connecticut Bank management, nor given place to irresponsible correspondents from any quarter. The subject was admitted to discussion, pro and con, on communications from New-Haven and Middletown, accompanied by names of the first respectability at home, we believe on both sides. The New-Haven author, of whom particular complaint is made, we know to be responsible.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, Dec. 16.

The COTTON market is dull, and the tendency of prices downward. We report the sales to-day at 6,000 bales. The sales of the week add up 40,000 bales. The stock on hand is 160,000 bales; and the increased receipts at this port, over those of last year at this time, amount to 41,000 bales. SUGAR has declined ¼c. ⅌ lb. The rates for STERLING EXCHANGE are without alteration. MOLASSES is in fair request at 15½c. ⅌ gallon.

MOBILE, Friday, Dec. 15.

Our COTTON market is dull, with a declining tendency. The sales of the week foot up 6,000 bales. The sales to-day amount to 1,000 bales. We quote middling at 7½c.@8c. FREIGHTS to Liverpool are ¼d. STERLING EXCHANGE is selling at 6¼@7½ ⅌ cent. premium.

CHARLESTON, Friday, Dec. 15.

There is a complete panic in the COTTON market here, owing to the large failure of the house of DULIE. The sales to-day were 1,000 bales, at irregular rates.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Dec. 16.

HOGS are dull, at $4 25. Prime barrel LARD is selling at 8½c. ⅌ lb. For Mess PORK $11 25 ⅌ bbl. is asked. Eastern EXCHANGE is quoted at 1 ⅌ cent. premium.

PROVIDENCE, Saturday, Dec. 16.

COTTON—Demand moderate; prices irregular, and in favor of the purchaser.

WOOL—The business for the week has been rather light. Sales, 64,000 lbs.

PRINTING CLOTHS—Market dull. Sales, 14,000 pieces.

Passengers Sailed.

In steamship Union, for Southampton and Havre—Sister Eugenie, Thomas Singleton, Charles Chattaway, E. Zhishmer, H. Deaner, Joseph Sheldon, A. Fox, H. Morey, C. Barthe, Mrs. M. Keenan, Weber, John Pia, F. Gerake, G. Brown, J. Eck, Mr. Rotz, Mr. Gonzalez, A. Paulus, Mr. Vergale, John Bishop, Mr. Burnet, Mr. Hogen and servant, R. W. Gleney, Mrs. Bulfriot, G. H. Deland, C. Hommersh, Mr. Edward, Terrance Keenan—Total, 29.

In Havre, steamship Washington—Mr. Henry R. Palmer, W. M. Whittemore, Miss Mary A. Lawrence, Wm. R. Lawrence, Miss Sinclair, Miss Nightingale, Miss M. Nightingale, Charles Arnold, V. Crosnier, C. P. Morrill, Mrs. H. J. Gilbert, children and nurse, J. H. Waring, J. A. M. King, Dr. Hasler, F. D. Mercersau, Thos. McCollor, L. F. Adams, Mr. Hall, Dr. A. D. Pulman, D. Fyschon, John H. Parker, Mr. Ira Peck, Master Lyons, J. A. Moore, John J. Kerr, T. Fraser, Mr. Fairbrother, C. C. Brown, Mr. Fairman, W. Porter, S. Le Clark, G. C. Shirlich, G. Griffin, Geo. M. Griffin, W. D. Gockin, and 40 in steerage.

In steamship Roanoke, for Norfolk, Petersburg and Richmond—A. Hogan, William Sheldon, Peter Van Cortlandt, Jas. Weaver, Sarah Seely, Mrs. Seely, Mrs. Ann Seely, King, John Dougherty, Dan'l. Dougherty, Mrs. M. C. Gould, Miss Sarah Water, Joe H. Hardwicke, G. Dunscough, Dr. Carter, lady and child, John Nimmo, M. C. Watkins, Thos. Butts and lady, Mrs. Martha W. Allen, Mrs. Ann Allen, Joseph Donaldson, Henry Stowell, Wm. McCulle, R. M. Owen, John Morris, Wm. Holmes, S. Wolensky, B. Sherman and lady, David Sherman, C. Johnson, W. J. Comstock, W. Hanley, John Coombs, Mr. J. Herring, Miss Herring, Miss L. Page, Miss M. Mason, Miss L. Johnson, Miss Brown, Mr. McGeon, and 37 in the steerage.

In steamship Southriver, for Charleston—Dr. Chivers, lady and infant, R. Deery, A. B. Chapin, John Peckner, O. Swartout, Geo. Hellingsworth, J. M. Gockel, Jr., J. Wolck, J. Carroll, E. D. Green and lady, C. B. Wesson, M. Wells, J. G. Whitmore, S. H. Hammond, Jas. Lewis, E. Morgan, P. Rotter, Jos. Tracey, J. Carey, C. M. Foy, and 67 in the steerage.

Passengers Arrived.

In steamship Catahoula, from New-Orleans and Havana—Mrs. R. W. Shields, children and servant, H. Hunter, F. V. Lansing, Miss E. Morse, W. Cotten, S. B. Reed, R. W. Mason, J. Hart, W. Fortune, Madam C. Ferrari, Mrs E. J. Blount, Pedro Lanza, E. Kreichenberg, H. Weisman, E. P. Griarte, J. de Velasco, H. A. Barclay, Ramon Rivas, P. Millett, A. M. Mora, W. E. Foujaud.

In steamship Alabama, from Savannah—Wm. Porter, Wm. Berry, T. E. Bishop, J. Lovett, H. P. Voorhies, and 12 in the steerage.

In packet-ship America, from London and Portsmouth—Mr. Whilton and daughter, of London, Miss Moore, Miss J. Frew, Miss C. Frew, R. B. Lockwood, Mr. Morton, R. Ring, Thos. Ring, Mrs. Cowley and son, M. M. Flight.

In packet-ship Toronto, from Liverpool—Miss Charlotte Christina Berker, Mr. Millet, lady and friend, A. Veitsiana, Leon St. Maro and lady.

In ship Albert Gallatin, from Liverpool—Mr. Currier, of Philadelphia, Mr. Conroy, of New-York.

MISCELLANEOUS ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises	7 19	Sun sets	4 34
Moon rises	4 53		

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook	6 47	Gov. Island	7 27
Hell Gate	9 18		

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK, SATURDAY, DEC. 16.

Cleared.

Steamships Augusta, Lyon, Savannah, S. I. Mitchill; Southernet, Ewen, Charleston, Spofford, Tileston & Co.; Roanoke, Skinner, Richmond, &c., Ludlam & Pleasants.

Ships Devonshire, Lord, London; America, Easton, Liverpool, D. A. Kingsland & Son; J. D. Cooper, Cowell, Waterford, C. C. Duncan & Co.; Bernard, Graves, Antwerp; South Carolina, Stewart, Antwerp, Post & Byrnes; Castilian, Graves, Benizia, Howland & Aspinwall; Santiago, Lathrop, Melbourne, Muller & Lord; Chas. Hill, Hale, Montevideo, A. Ladd; Guttenberg, Weihe, New-Orleans, N. H. Brigham; John Revere, Morrison, Charleston, Barstow & Livingston; Caroline Neesmith, Keaney, Charleston, Neesmith & Sons.

Barks Courant, Gray, Antwerp, Post & Byrnes; Turk, Small, Marseilles, Gomez, Wallis & Co.; Cohesion, Spain, Lonsat, Barcelona, Aguirre & Galway; Rose, (Br.,) Brown, St. John, N. B., Barclay & Livingston; Virginia, Kendy, Richmond, C. H. Pierson.

Brigs Herald (Br.,) Holmes, Cadiz, Hamilton & Co.; Edward Peles, Manzanilla, Magoon, Talbot & Co.; John Bryant, Perry, Trinidad, C. E. B. J. Peters; Cati, Nichols, Hatch, Cardenas, B. F. Bush & Co.; Perseverance, Place, Pensacola, Place & Watts; Nancy Plaisted, Hoyt, Key West, Sears & Drake.

Schrs. Nebraska, Pennington, Lavaca, Brower & Co.; F. A. Ward, Hoff, Matanzas, Dow, Lord & Co.; E. Faber, Smith, Lane, West & Co.; E. A. Bruce, Gibbons, Rio Grande, Barrett, Lord & Co.; Commerce, Farrell, Cardenas, Lord & Co.; Lady Suffolk, Baldwin, Rio Grande, Keeler, Providence, master.

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☞ Fifth Ward Whigs, Attend.—In pursuance of the call of the Whig General Committee, an election will be held on TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 19, at No. 142 West Broadway, between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock, a Primary Election to choose Delegates to the Whigs of the Ward in the General and Young Men's Whig Committees, and also to elect members of the Ward Committee for the ensuing year. John M. Bennett, Thomas E. Smith, and Nicholas G. Van Alstyne, will act as inspectors of said Election. By order of the Ward Committee.

LEMUEL W. PARKER, Chairman.
F. WOOLSEY BROWN, Secretary.

☞ Sixth Ward.—In pursuance of the call of the Democratic Whig General Committee, an election will be held on TUESDAY MORNING, 19th inst., between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock, at No. 81 Elm-st., to choose five delegates to the Whig General Committee; five delegates to the Young Men's Whig Committee; and a Ward Committee. By order of Ward Committee.

OWEN W. BRENNAN,
R. C. VAN WYCK,
CHAS. B. FOOTE.

☞ Seventh Ward.—In pursuance of the call of the Whig General Committee, the Whig electors of the Seventh Ward are requested to meet at No. 13 Jones-st., on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., between the hours of 5 and 8 A. M., for the purpose of electing five Delegates to the Whig General Committee, and five Delegates to the Whig Young Men's General Committee, and fifteen to compose the Seventh Ward Whig Committee for the ensuing year.

JACOB L. ANDERSON,
ZEBULON C. INSLEE,
WM. H. COVINGTON,
} Inspectors of Election.

By order of the Regular Whig Ward Committee.

CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, Chairman.
F. B. COUE, Secretary.

☞ Eighth Ward.—The Democratic Whig Electors of the VIIIth Ward, are requested to meet on Election at (Oberly's,) No. 64 Wooster-st., on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., from 6 to 9 o'clock A. M., to elect by ballot, five representatives to the Whig General Committee, and five representatives to the Young Men's Democratic Whig General Committee, and a Ward Committee, consisting of seventeen members, for the ensuing year.

WM. HOBART,
JOHN J. SILLCOCK,
STEPHEN H. WILLIAMSON,
} Inspectors.

☞ Ninth Ward.—In pursuance of a call of the Whig General Committee, the Whigs of the Ward are respectfully invited to attend the Primary Election to be held on TUESDAY MORNING, the 19th inst., at the Blecker-st. House, No. 273 Bleecker-st., to elect the Committees for the ensuing year. Polls open from 6 to 9 o'clock A. M. By order.

JOHN A. CREGIER, Chairman.
W. H. GENNET,
N. D. THAYER,
} Secretaries.

☞ Tenth Ward Whig Primary Election.—An Election will be held on TUESDAY, the 19th December inst., between 6 and 9 o'clock A. M., at No. 207 Bowery-st. for the purpose of choosing five Delegates to the General Committee, and five Delegates to the Young Men's General Committee; also, a Ward Committee of fifteen members.

R. H. DOMINICK,
WM. L. MILLER,
WM. ALLEN,
} Inspectors.

By order of Ward Committee.

DAVID MILLER, Chairman.

☞ Eleventh Ward.—Pursuant to a notice from the Whig General Executive Committee, a meeting of the Whigs of the Ward is called at Union Hall, corner of 4th-st. and Avenue C, on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., between the hours of 8 and 9 A. M., for the purpose of electing the several Committees to represent the Ward.

SIMEON JOHNSON,
SIMON HAZELTON,
RICHARD G. HUNT,
} Inspectors.

By order of the Ward Committee.

JOSEPH H. THORN, Secretary.

☞ Twelfth Ward.—Pursuant to the call of the Whig General Committee, an election for Members of the General Committee, Young Men's General Committee, and Ward Committee of this Ward, will be held on the 19th day of December, 1854, between the hours of 6 and 9 o'clock in the morning, at the Astor House, corner of 19th-st. and 4th-av.

By order of the Ward Committee.

S. A. HILLS, Chairman, pro tem.
PHILIP JORDAN, Secretary.

☞ Sixteenth Ward.—An election is to take place on TUESDAY, the 19th inst., of the Whigs of the XVIth Ward, between the hours of 8 and 9 A. M. To elect delegates to the Old and Young Men's General Committee and Ward Committee.

☞ Seventeenth Ward.—The Democratic Whig Electors of the XVIIth Ward are hereby notified that a Primary Election will be held at Kirk's Hotel, corner of the Bowery and 8th-st., on TUESDAY MORNING, 19th inst., between the hours of 6 and 9, to elect delegates to the General Committee and a Ward Committee for the ensuing year. By order of the Ward Committee.

C. W. LAWRENCE, Chairman.
WM. H. RIBLET,
JAS. L. BERRIAN,
JOS. HAIGHT.
} Inspectors.
D. B. ANDREWS, Secretary.

☞ Twentieth Ward.—The Democratic Whig Electors of the XXth Ward are requested to attend an Election at No. 272 7th-av., on TUESDAY, Dec. 19, from 6 to 9 o'clock, A. M., to elect by ballot five representatives to the Whig General Committee, and five representatives to the Democratic Whig Young Men's General Committee, and a Ward Committee of thirty-five members for the ensuing year.

JAMES T. COENHOVEN,
C. GRIDLEY,
JOHN BRADY,
} Inspectors.

☞ Twenty-second Ward.—The Whigs of the XXIId Ward will hold a primary election at the Union Cottage, Broadway near 50th-st., from 5 to 9 o'clock A. M., Dec. 19, by order of the General Committee. The Ward Committee elected will meet the first THURSDAY in January, at the above place, at ½ o'clock P. M.

GEORGE M. DENNETT,
WM. V. LEGGETT,
CHAR. MISSING,
} Inspectors.

WANTED.

SITUATION WANTED—By a neat young girl, with the highest recommendations as nursery and children's nurse; is a good seamstress; is willing to assist in waiting; is a most excellent parlor maid, as she has filled both capacities; has no objection to a respectable hotel or boarding-house, in this City or Brooklyn; has two years' City reference; will take $3 to $4 a month; call for two days at No. 252 Ist-av., first floor, back room.

SITUATIONS WANTED—By two competent and trustworthy women; one as cook, washer and ironer—makes good bread and pastry; the other as chamber-maid and waiter, or nurse and seamstress, and is an excellent laundress. They are well recommended. Have no objection to the country; shall endeavor in every way to please; would go together or separate. Please apply at No. 561 Bowery for two days.

SITUATIONS WANTED—By two very experienced girls, with good City references; one as a first-class seamstress and dressmaker; can make boys' and misses' clothing in the neatest manner, having had five years' experience in the City; and as chambermaid and waiter, or as chamber-maid and seamstress, by the other. Call at No. 72 6th-av., in the bookstore.

SITUATIONS WANTED—In the City or country, by three very experienced girls, with good City reference; one as a good cook, and to wash and iron in a private family; the other as chambermaid and waiter, or as chamber-maid and laundress. Call at No. 72 6th-av., in the bookstore.

SITUATION WANTED—By a highly respectable woman, as cook, washer and ironer, or would do general housework; is a very good cook and a capital laundress. Has excellent references from City and country, and will be found a understand her business. No objection to go any distance in the country. Call at No. 76 3d-av., old No. 94.

SITUATIONS WANTED—By two respectable young Germans, Protestants, to do general housework. Are good plain cooks, excellent washers and ironers, good bakers. Will take from $3 to $4 per month. Can be seen at No. 293 7th-av., for 2 days. Best City reference given.

SITUATION WANTED—By an industrious, tidy young woman, (a Protestant,) to do general housework; she is a good cook and a first-rate washer and ironer, and is willing to make herself useful. Best of reference given. Call at No. 14 Rivington-st., for two days.

SITUATIONS WANTED—For American, English and other superior servants well recommended, most of whom are willing to work for $4 per month to suit the hard times, in City or country. Office, No. 627 Houston-st., two blocks east of Broadway. J. S. SCUDDER.

BEST SERVANTS IN THE CITY.—As cooks, washers and ironers, chambermaids, nurses, girls for housework and waiting girls; also German, English and French servants, and German and French mechanics, labourers, coachmen, gardeners and waiters, always to be obtained at MORRIS & CONHERT'S, No. 297 Broadway, corner of Reade-st., and at the Branch Office, No. 163 Greenwich-st.

HOUSEKEEPER.—An English Lady of middle age, and of the highest respectability, is obliged from circumstances to take a situation as the above. Any gentleman widower who would have a most desirable person as regards respectability, competency and confidence they would engage her. Her friends advertise for her. Address L. L. No. 464 Broadway.

HOUSEKEEPER.—An English widow lady requires the situation, either as companion to a lady, or to an invalid, or to travel; as housekeeper to either a lady or gentleman, where the family is not large. The friends of this lady can speak not only as to her very great respectability, but also to her capabilities in any station. Address V. V., Times Office, New-York.

CASHIER.—Wanted, by a respectable young man, whose present engagement expires on Jan. 1, 1855, a situation as cashier (money taker.) Good City reference can be had at his present employer's, in whom (retail cloth) establishment he served in that capacity for the last two years. Address H. D. L., office of this paper.

CHANCE FOR BUSINESS.—Wanted, men to sell useful domestic articles in city or country, of which active, industrious men, with small capital, can make large wages. Apply at No. 247 Bowery, New-York.

WAITER.—A place is wanted in a gentleman's family for a complete servant, with suitable testimonials. Apply at grocery No. 311 Broadway.

DRUG CLERK WANTED.—One acquainted with City retail and prescription business. Apply at No. 132 6th-av.

BOARDING.

BOARDING.—A handsomely furnished room on the 2d floor to let, with board, to a gentleman and his wife, also, two single gentlemen can be accommodated with good board on reasonable terms. Apply at No. 14 Jones-st., between Bleecker and 4th, near 6th-av.

BOARDING.—A private family would accommodate two single gentlemen with board; can give them a large front room neatly furnished, with pantry attached. Terms, $4 per week. Or would take a gentleman and his wife in the same apartment. Apply at No. 68 King-st.

BOARDING.—Gentlemen and their wives or single gentlemen can find good board and a pleasant home at No. 129 West 26th-st. House contains all the modern improvements.

☞ Ward.—At a meeting of the Whig Executive Committee of the 1st Ward, held at head-quarters, No. 8 State-st., on Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, on motion it was Resolved, That the Whigs of this Ward assemble on TUESDAY MORNING, the 19th December, at the Atlantic Garden, No. 11 Broadway, between the hours of 5 and 9 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing five members to represent the Ward in the Whig General Committee; five members to the Whig Young Men's Committee, and fifteen members of the Ward Committee for the year 1855, and that Robert S. Collins, Peter H. Graham, and Thomas Nesbit, act as Inspectors of said election.

R. S. COLLINS, Chairman.
JOSEPH A. GARNEER, Secretary.

☞ Second Ward—WHIG COMMITTEE.—Pursuant to the recommendation of the Whig General Committee, a Primary Election will be held at No. 22 Ann-st., on TUESDAY MORNING, the 19th December inst., from 6 to 9 o'clock, to elect Delegates to the various Committees for the ensuing year. By order of the Ward Committee, under the following named Inspectors: J. MANNING, J. GALLAGHER, and J. G. ABBE.

G. CLIFTON, Chairman.
J. E. CARTER,
J. GALLAGHER,
} Secretaries.

☞ Third